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1. Mr. Nelson Chow, former General Manager, is now appointed, the President of Nelson & Co.
2. Mr. William C. L. Cheng, will be appointed successor to Mr. Nelson Chow, as the General Manager and Managing Director of Nelson & Co.
3. Mr. Wilson Ho, is appointed the Assistant General Manager of Nelson & Co.

It was further decided that from the date of 1st December, 1949, all business documents or agreements and banking negotiable bills and cheques will bear the personal signature of Mr. William C. L. Cheng, the newly appointed General Manager & Managing Director of Nelson & Co.

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While returning to the Colony from Tsingtao, a Honduras freighter was detained by a Nationalist warship off the coast of Foochow for 40 days since October 13.

The ss. Colon which had left here for Shanghai at the end of September found that it was difficult to run, the Nationalist blockade at Shanghai. She diverted her course to Tsingtao where more than 4,000 tons of cargo originally meant for Shanghai were unloaded.

In an interview with the "Sunday Herald" yesterday personnel of the 4,000-ton freighter said that on October 13 while sailing in the waters near Foochow, Chinese Nationalist gunboat signalled for the ship to stop.

The merchantman, complied with the order and a party of Nationalist Naval officers boarded her. The Nationalists detained the vessel when her papers revealed that she had called at Tsingtao.

At first the Naval men thought that the vessel was planning to break the blockade and go into Foochow, on inspecting the vessel, they found that she was empty.

After 13 days the merchantman was ordered to sail to Kuchuan, Nationalist naval base at Taiwan, where she was detained until the morning of November 20.

## Searched For Flour

One seaman of the freighter who said that the gunboat's name was Yung Hsiao, added that the Nationalists thought that the ss. Colon had some 2,000 bags of flour for Foochow from Tsingtao. He further said that the Nationalists were sure about this because one of them said that the Nationalist Naval quarters had received information about the flour cargo.

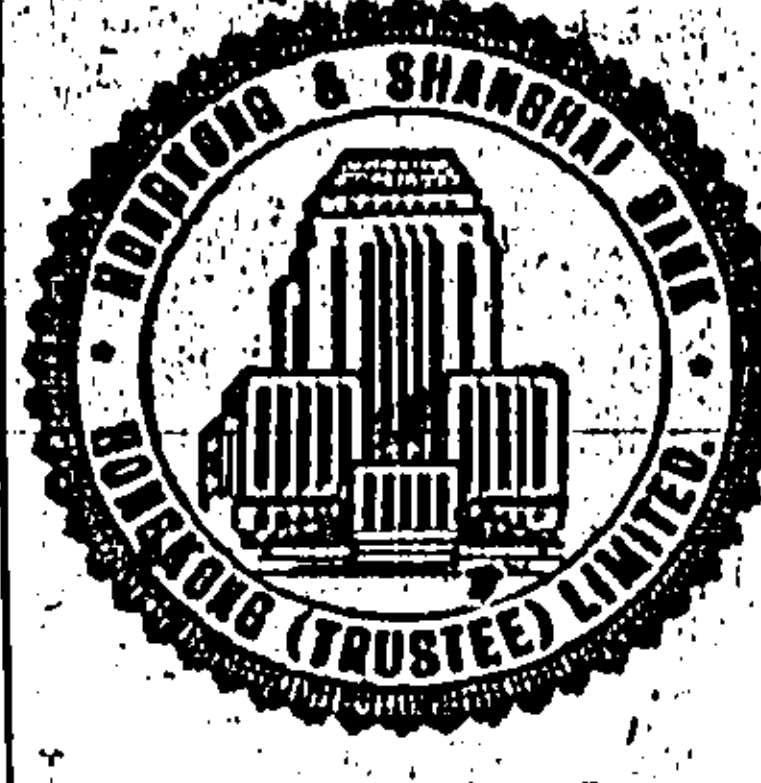
While the vessel was at Kuchuan, provisions on board were depleted and food had to be purchased from land.

Due to the limited amount of cash carried in the merchant-

man's safe, during the first few days of November, the ss. Colon had to sell 10 drums of motor oil in order to raise money to buy food. Prior to this, during the food shortage period, the master of the ss. Colon, an Australian, applied for a permit to travel to Taipei where he might make a cash loan from the American Consulate there. But this was rejected by the Nationalist Naval authority. The authority's reply was that the vessel should send a cable to the Colony asking her agents to supply her with the necessary money.

The ss. Colon arrived here on Tuesday afternoon. She was formerly an Australian ship. Later she was purchased by a Honduras merchant who sold it to a Chinese merchant living in the Colony. But although she was sold to a Chinese merchant her papers still show that she is a Honduras vessel because her new owner still did not re-register her under her new nationality.

She was delivered to the Chinese merchant in the Colony in June from Australia. The ss. Colon has a crew of about 60 men mostly Chinese.



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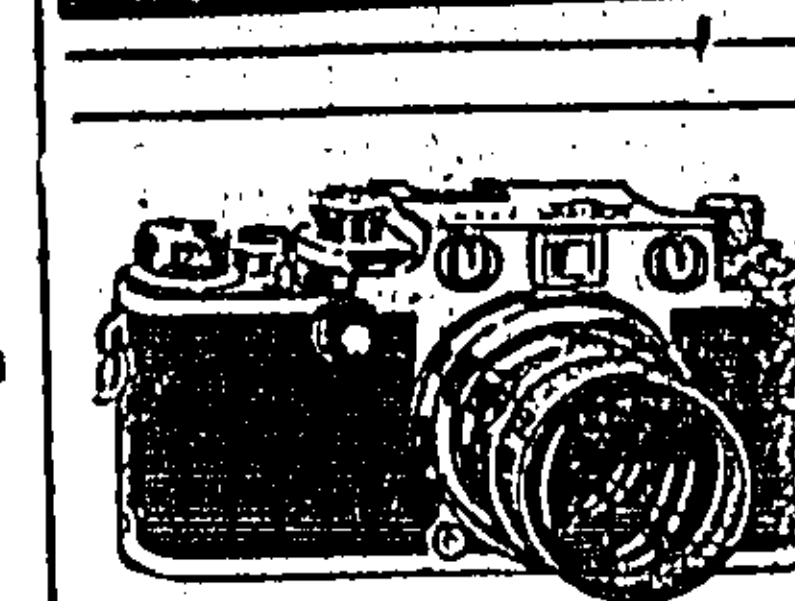
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## JANUARY

(December 21—January 19)  
Some initiating detail to be settled in next few days that possibly involves lengthy correspondence. But help and encouragement comes from family sources and from old friends. End of week likely to bring gratifying social success, and some new interest.

## FEBRUARY

(January 20—February 18)  
Jupiter enters your Sun Sign this week; an encouraging portent for business and finance. Though caution will be needed in first two days of week, it looks as though you could take both social and business risks after Thursday. Some crisis in family affairs is likely on Thursday.

## MARCH

(February 19—March 20)  
Anything attempted this week would be best done on your own. Though a proposed partnership is in sight, details may hang fire this month. A good week for social life, official business, travel.

## APRIL

(March 21—April 20)  
Take pains to keep well in next few days, social and business success depends on your ability to cope with unusual situations. Financially, an interesting week, new ideas should prove profitable, right away. Possibility of speculative "luck" on Saturday.

## MAY

(April 21—May 20)  
Something happens in next few days that clears up a long drawn out money worry. At the same time, a personal problem becomes more acute. You have to exert yourself for child or young friend. Don't be a party to intrigues or back-biting maneuvers.

## JUNE

(May 21—June 20)  
Though new chances may be attractive, you only enter them through in the face of tough opposition. This week better consider wishes of family and close associates rather than your own whims. Favor conditions and greater likelihood of harmony in your circle on Saturday.

## JULY

(June 21—July 20)  
If engaged in legal business or arranging a new contract, be very careful about technicalities. Some danger that you will be the victim of bad advisors in next few days. A good week socially and undoubtedly propitious for speculation.

## AUGUST

(July 21—August 21)  
It looks as though you will have to pay out heavily over some family commitment or long-standing debt. On the other hand you gain through a new venture end of week. A progressive week mentally, you will probably strike a money-making idea on Wednesday.

## SEPTEMBER

(August 22—September 22)  
A far-reaching decision may be



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## WHAT THE STARS FORETELL

By R. H. Naylor

necessary mid-week. If interested in property or considering family arrangements for 1950, be careful what you do. Link-ups and commitments made this week are likely to endure for some time.

## OCTOBER

(September 23—October 23)  
An undercurrent of anxiety about an older relative or treacherous friend. Better not make any hard and fast arrangement in next few days. A clearer outlook and probably easier conditions generally next week.

## NOVEMBER

(October 24—November 22)  
Difficult to shake yourself free from the claims of older people, or close relatives. Nevertheless, something may be achieved "off your own bat" on Saturday. An expensive week but you make unexpected gains on Saturday.

## DECEMBER

(November 23—December 20)  
Mid-week likely to coincide with a business crisis; be careful. End of week should bring better news and some necessary backing. Though general outlook fairly good, be careful how you commit yourself over 1950.

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27: FOR MOST OF US:** Interesting day provided you don't go far from home. Better for mental activities, interviews, than for outdoor life. **FOR LUCK TODAY WEAR OR USE:** Leaf Green, 4. Emerald.

**BIRTHDAY FORECAST:** Although you will have a number of problems in 1949/50, taken as a whole, the year will be an interesting and intellectually fruitful period. It looks as though you would try out a new idea and make a great success of it.

Fortunate periods when it would pay to take chances are February, March and June 1950. Months when you would be wiser to play on safety take as few risks as possible, are July and August of the same year. Throughout the 12 months, however, you will have to cope with one emergency after another and it will be difficult to make plans and keep to them.

Take good care of health, there is some danger that nervous tension may upset your physical well-being. Although travel may be necessary, it would not be fortunate from the point of view of health. If you are much on the move, take pains to keep well.

Round about June you will probably be very successful in some venture that concerns unusual people or foreigners. The more unconventional your link-ups in 1949/50, the more valuable they will prove in a year or so. Whether you like the idea or not, you will probably be thrust into the company of people of unusual type or out-of-way occupation.

Domestic life may be a little troubled. If married, do all you can to preserve harmony in the household. If single, and a free agent, you will probably make ties this year that are likely to affect your way of living in the near future. Fate seems to be leading you among some old companions and into new paths throughout the year.

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28: FOR MOST OF US:** If work sticks to your fingers, don't worry. More achieved through social contacts and judicious hospitality than by hard work. **FOR LUCK TODAY WEAR OR USE:** Pastel Shades 6, Turquoise.

**BIRTHDAY FORECAST:** Although this new year of life may open with a quarrel or disappointment, it will end on a happy note. What troubles you may have in the coming 12 months centre round the earlier part of the year. As you approach your next

In this weekly series of articles, one of the world's foremost experts in predicting the future gives his opinions on what you personally can expect in the weeks and months to come.

Look for your birth period below and find the general indications for the week. Note that these observations are made according to the Zodiacal Signs and do not exactly coincide with the Calendar Month. For example, January covers December 21-January 19.

birthday you will find more scope both in business and personally, certainly greater happiness.

There may be some worry about money early in 1950. More probably, though, your difficulties centre round the family and upon family claims on your pocket. It will be little use trying to sidestep these in 1949/50; all you can do is to be patient and pay up.

If you are interested in land or property, be careful. You may lose money over ventures of this kind early in the year. Also, make sure that your fire insurances are in order by the beginning of 1950.

About September next, you strike a fortunate period in business and a happy time socially. An introduction gained then will set you on the way to propitious changes and interesting new ventures. At the same time you are conscious of goodwill and affection from those whose opinion you value.

Although family life may be under a cloud during part of the year, don't worry. However disappointing older people—and particularly older men—may be, your happiness seems assured. It is a good year for marriage or engagement or, if married, for adding to the family.

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29: FOR MOST OF US:** A good day financially, aim at quick deals before Noon. Later in day personal problems may reach a crisis. **FOR LUCK TODAY WEAR OR USE:** Wine red, 3. Amethyst.

**BIRTHDAY FORECAST:** You need have no doubts about material "luck" throughout 1949/50. The coming 12 months are likely to be the most comfortable period you have had for some time. Both your income and your standard of living will increase in the next few months. From the personal side, though, there are many problems ahead of you.

Yes, you will prosper this year, but you will also make enemies. One of these will be someone whom you have trusted for many years and who has been a loyal supporter. Although this particular estrangement may seem inevitable, don't contribute to it by indifference and over-criticism in the early days of the year.

No need to worry about your usual business but be careful how you deal with officials during the 12 months. New regulations are likely to effect you somewhat adversely but it will be little use trying to avoid them. Only trouble would follow from any attempt to evade responsibilities of this kind.

Better not travel this year. You will make more money, feel more secure, if you stay near home. Beware, too, of interesting strangers who may try to involve you in original schemes. Stick to the conventions both socially and in business throughout 1949/50. It is a good year for marriage and probably those already settled will have a better time of it than single November 29 born men and women. Friendships, run a troubled course, particularly those that originate early in 1950. Be careful that you don't get involved

In anything that happens in 1949/50 an older man plays a leading part. So, if in business, look to such an individual for the right backing and advice. If in a profession you may find that an older colleague takes an interest in your welfare and gives you the help you need.

If it is probable that your 1949/50 affairs will in some way concern property, if not, then you should get an opportunity to use some specialised knowledge or skill that you acquired years ago. Incidentally, it is a good year for starting on any lengthy course of training.

Better prepare to take life a little more seriously than usual. It will pay you to concentrate on your job and on your prospects for the next few years. There will be little happiness and little gain from social link-ups made early in 1950.

Women may make trouble for you this year, particularly those older than yourself. Family influence is likely to predominate throughout the 12 months, and it will not be easy to gain link-ups outside. So, if unmarried, better put thoughts of marriage aside for the next few months.

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2: FOR MOST OF US:** Be careful you are not saddled with something you don't want, or lose money over speculation this morning. Good for interviews, taking up introduction. **FOR LUCK TODAY WEAR OR USE:** Bright Yellow, 4. Diamond.

**BIRTHDAY FORECAST:** The first half of your birthday year is likely to prove a more expensive period than you anticipated. But money spent early in 1950 is likely to bring its reward before the year is out. What you gain in experience and in new schemes should be ample repayment.

Nevertheless, it could be worthwhile using a little economy during the early months of 1950. Cut down overheads if you can and rule out speculation for the moment. Later in the year—probably after June—you will be able to afford a few risks.

There is every chance of success in a new and daring enterprise that may involve travel or have some connection with people overseas. It will be worthwhile developing foreign interests of any kind in 1949/50. Such link-ups would prove very advantageous in a year or so.

Socially it will be a year out of the ordinary. You make friends of unconventional type and probably link up with a very different group from that with which you have been associated. If interested in politics, you are likely to take the lead in some local activities.

Happiness ahead this year should be of an unconventional kind and the search for it may lead you into strange situations. It looks as though you will make

a link-up of the greatest importance or one that affects the family or runs counter to your own prejudices. By the time you reach your next birthday many of your ideas will have re-orientated and this new link-up will probably take first place in your thoughts.

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3rd: FOR MOST OF US:** Excellent for settling family problems, attending to house and garden. Good, too, for sport and formal entertaining. **FOR LUCK TODAY WEAR OR USE:** Navy blue, 6. Jade.

**BIRTHDAY FORECAST:** This year will begin to see good results from your efforts, of during the war period and since. Some training that you had eight to nine years ago or some enterprise that was launched then now brings a good reward. You will realise the value of a good family background and of friendships of long standing. Older men in particular are likely to be a standby and a help to you throughout the year. You may embark upon some worth-while business venture in collaboration with your father, old friends, or former employer.

You may not see many financial returns right away from your ventures this year, but all the time you will be building for the future. What you do in 1950 is likely to be of great value in 1958 and 1959.

There is some likelihood of a legacy probably in the shape of property. Alternatively, you make a very successful investment in land or house towards the end of the year. If your work takes you out of doors or if you are keen on sports, you may achieve something notable in 1949/50. The older you are the happier your life will be throughout the coming 12 months. If this birthday finds you 40 or more there may be unexpected happiness and even romance ahead. Many widows and widowers born on this date will remarry; if still young yourself, marriage is likely to some-one 12 or 16 years your senior.

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30: FOR MOST OF US:** A good day for changes, interviews, travel. You will miss golden opportunities if you stick too closely to routine or to your own home. **FOR LUCK TODAY WEAR OR USE:** Golden Yellow, 1. Diamond.

**BIRTHDAY FORECAST:** All well this year provided you don't stick in a groove. Success in 1949/50 depends upon how adaptable and energetic you may be. New schemes do far better than expected if you have the courage to go through with them.

A change-over would be beneficial in the near future certainly not later than Easter. If post-pone until after that you may meet with some unexpected difficulties, and a little treachery. So get your plans in order early in the year and go ahead.

Money worries will be slight though you may not have as much in hand as you could wish. But throughout the year you will be building for the future, adding to your assets. Incidentally, it is a good year for making large scale purchases or land investments.

Health and energy will reach a high level throughout the year, you are not likely to be affected by apathy or impaired health. Your sense of well-being will probably be increased by travel undertaken about June.

If still unmarried, engagement is likely to materialise very quickly. If already married, it is a propitious year for moving house and for anything to do with children. There will be a new arrival somewhere in your circle. Your only worries will be connected with interfering and mischief-making relatives—possibly in-laws.

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1: FOR MOST OF US:** Clear off jobs in hand before you start anything new. If seeking amusement or entertainment, look for it among old friends. **FOR LUCK TODAY WEAR OR USE:** Red-brown, 8. Dark Sapphire.

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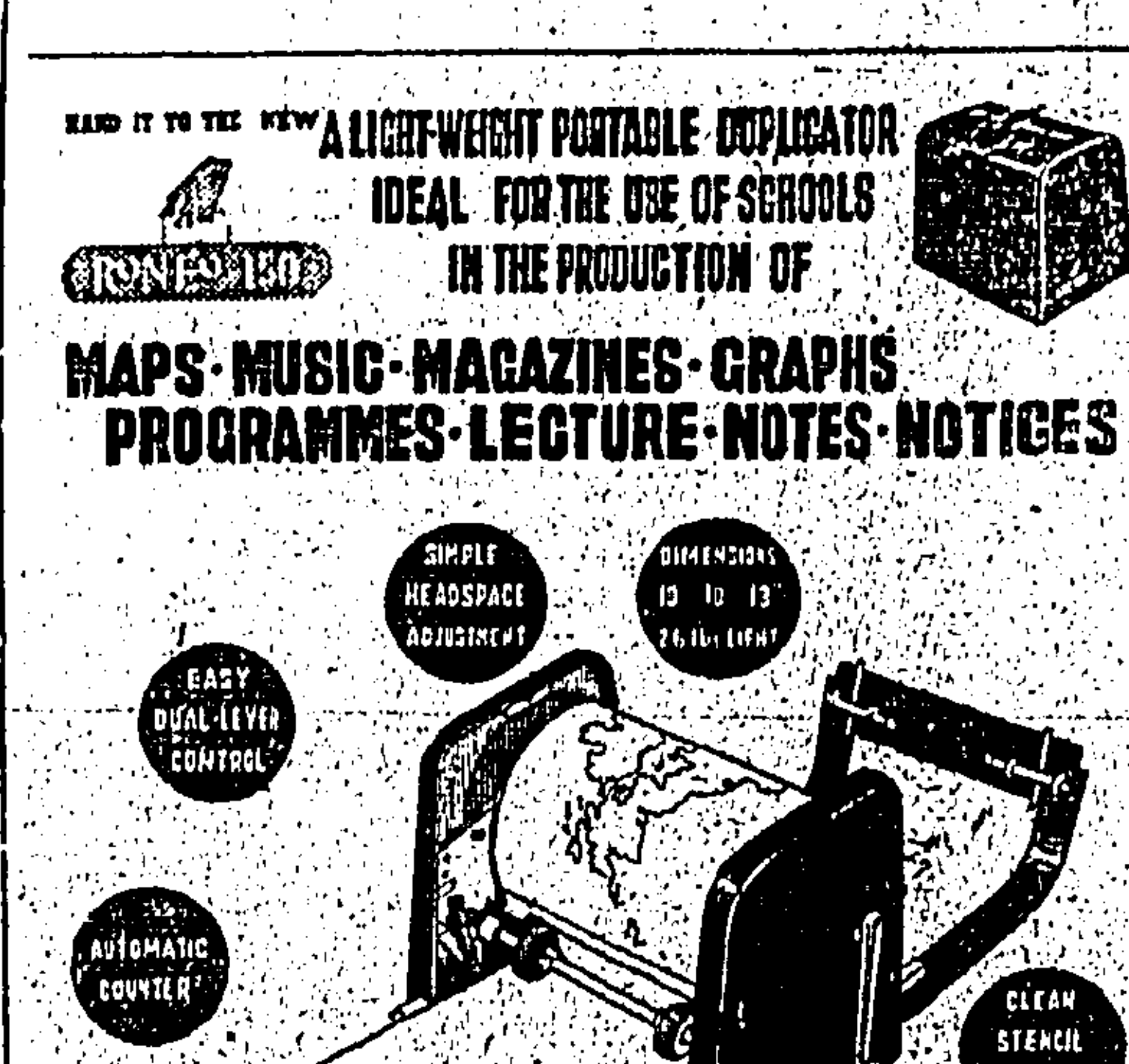


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# FRENCH STRIKES A COMPLETE FIASCO

Paris, November 25.

## ECHO OF ORAN INCIDENT

Hamburg, November 25.  
Was the sinking of the French Vichy fleet and the killing of 1,500 French neutrals by the British in North Africa in 1942, contrary to International Law or not?

The British Military Tribunal trying former German Field Marshal Erich von Manstein for alleged war crimes here will have to answer this question before coming to a verdict.

The British defense counsel says it was. The prosecutor, also British, says it was not. Beginning his closing speech for the prosecution today, Sir Arthur Comyns, C.B., said the French ships, contrary to a Franco-British agreement, tried to escape and were therefore fired upon and sunk by Admiral Sir James Somerville.

The French Admiral could have saved his men by letting them go ashore, Sir Arthur alleged.

The French people, who were most concerned, took the view that these men died for the common cause of France and Great Britain, he said. —Associated Press.

France's 24-hour general strike appeared today to be a near failure. Workers were insisting on staying at work, reports throughout France showed.

It was clear that the strike was far from general. A Socialist Cabinet Minister, M. Eugene Thomas, who heads the Post Office, said: "The strike is a fiasco."

The mines and most big industries were shut down and transport disrupted. However, the effects on normal life were not very noticeable.

Practically all shops were open as well as banks, the stock exchange, insurance companies and Government offices. There were few taxis and the Government ran buses to ease the transport problem.

Government sources said there was clearly no enthusiasm among the rank and file of labour for the strike.

There had been no reports of fighting and Government sources said, "Most factory workers decided it was wiser to stay away from the mills for one day rather than risk tangling with militant Unions."

In Marseilles, the Mediterranean port renowned for its labour violence, there was complete calm.

"Only by the absence of trolley buses and buses and the closing of factories and some big stores, could you tell there is a strike on," reported a correspondent from Marseilles.

## Ships Sail

Lille reported that in the heavy industrial North of France the strike was 30 per cent effective among chemical factory workers, 40 per cent among textile workers, 80 per cent among the metal workers, and 10 per cent among workers at Lille Railway Station.

As far as could be determined, most international trains and some local trains were running throughout France.

Labour Ministry sources in Paris estimated the number of striking railway workers at only 40 per cent.

It is even hoped to get a couple of underground lines going later in the day. Refuse was being collected.

At Marseilles, two cargo ships sailed although the dockers were on strike. Ships were entering the port without any runs from the dockers. They refused to unload cargo but let passengers disembark.

Deputy Guy Mollet, a power in the Socialist Party, expressed surprise that labour seemed so reluctant to strike.

## Train Stopped

At Bordeaux, 300 strikers prevented the departure of a train to Spain by invading the track. Police were unable to clear them.

The port of Le Havre was at a standstill, no ships were loaded or discharged and no ships entered or left. Ships due to dock stayed in the roadstead and will enter tomorrow.

Dockers struck in Calais but Channel steamers ran and porters were available.

Shipping was also affected at Cherbourg.

Some Air France services were curtailed, but British European Airways flew normal services, though they carried no freight.

British Railways cancelled one train for France.

Production was halved at the Renault and Citroen works in Paris. —Associated Press and Reuter.

## RADIO

Radio Hong Kong broadcasts on a frequency of 845 kilocycles per second and on 8.82 megacycles per second in the 31 metre band.

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12.30—"Sports Results"—Programme Summary.

12.42—"Hong Kong Calling"—Programme Summary.

12.45—"Light Variety with Freddy Martin and His Orchestra"—Featuring Shirley Allen (Singer).

1.15—"News, Weather Report and Announcements"—(Studio).

1.25—"A Popular Concert"—The Music of the West.

1.40—"Frank Devot and His Orchestra"—Play Some Music.

2.30—"The Church, Garden Road"—The Church, Garden Road.

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## Students Strike For More Exams

Rome, November 25.  
Fifty thousand University of Rome students today won a three-day strike for more examinations. They returned to class after the Education Ministry granted their demands for a mid-winter exam period to supplement other final examinations in June and October.

The students had protested that hundreds of students otherwise ready to graduate in February would have to wait until June for their diploma. —Associated Press.

## Belgians To Shoot A German

Antwerp, November 25.  
Philippe John Adolphe Schmitt, commander of the concentration camp at Breendonk, Belgium, was sentenced to death by shooting today by an Antwerp military court.

The 47-year-old German was found guilty of the murder of 32 inmates of the camp, and the illegal imprisonment of 35 Jews.

The verdict said, "No extenuating circumstances had been found in the deaths of these 32 inmates. Every one had been tortured before dying and 12 of them were hanged."

Hundreds of people, including former inmates, surged round the court house. Two hundred police were required to control the mob.

Some 3,000 people, mostly Belgians, passed through Breendonk concentration camp during the occupation, of whom 105 died. The camp has now become a museum, still containing its array of torture instruments. —Associated Press.

## SACHA GUITRY'S FIFTH MARRIAGE

Paris, November 25.  
The 54-year-old actor-playwright, Sacha Guitry, today married his fifth wife, a 27-year-old actress, Emma Maigron, who has appeared in several of his comedies.

There was a civil ceremony, and a religious service at the Greek Orthodox Church. Guitry's previous wives were all actresses. —Reuter.

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It's not a large work—just a collection of performed literary fragments—but it makes me feel exactly like an author. I hold it in my hand, and smile at it, and think that there is now no reason in the world why I should not launch out into the velvet jacket, spats, and gipsy coiffure and give little talks about Balzac in Notting Hillgate. I might even run to a literary expression—how clamped round the pipe, and the eye, partly bled, cast upon far horizons.

But if I am going to go to all this trouble, and give little talks about Balzac in Notting Hillgate, I'll trouble you to whom up a little more enthusiasm I'll have to learn about Balzac see. His dates, and all that, and whether his geographical representation of comic order has a bearing, or not, on the Auden-Isherwood school of semi-metaphysical illustrative data. And no one wants to be burdened with that sort of thing if he has to get it off his chest to a group of approximately seven people crunched into the back of the hall. That is new as I could calculate, was the bag at the Book Exhibition. About seven auto-

graphs, not counting the itinerant who got the free one on the back of a form making application for an additional supply of household fuel.

But for a moment, it looked as though it was going to be a sell-out.

The dear name was announced. The head hanging, of course, in gentle, mainly embarrassed, the not, thin blood, mantling the cheeks. When I looked up I saw a queue forming right past our



stand. Draw out the pot in an uncharitable way, and stick the nib, getting ready for the stampede.

But they made no move. Just stood there, like sheep, waiting to be told they could come and get it.

I got hold of one of our helpers. "Tell them to come round," I said. "There's no need for them to stand in line. Everyone can be served."

The helper cleared his throat. "They're waiting," he said, "to get in to hear Sir Robert Bruce Lockhart. He's lecturing."

"Oh," I said, "he is, is he? This is a fine time for him to be giving a lecture. Can't he go away and do it somewhere else?"

"It's part," said the helper, "of the Exhibition. They have lectures every day."

"I'm," I said, "telling me, what's this lecture all about?"

"The Splendour and Havoc of All Voyaging," said the helper in a low voice.

"The what?" I exclaimed. Took me right aback. "The Splendour and Havoc of All Voyaging?"

"Well," I said, "that's certainly hogging it all right. If I wasn't so busy right here, I'd gladly go in and find out what that let's supposed to be about." After a moment I added, "Catch-penny stuff, if you ask me." I was about to go on about the matter—our authors are jealous as sin—when I found a curious-looking character plucking my sleeve. This beard, muffled, green hat, and general appearance of economic depression.

"Excuse me," Almost inaudible. He looked round at me. "I'm very much afraid that temporary difficulties make it impossible for me to buy your book. Can't quite run, to tell you the truth, to 7s. 6d. But I should very much like your autograph." He produced a greyish sheet of paper. Definitely looked like a discarded form for additional fuel.

I signed. "Thank you very much indeed," he said. "You do understand. Just can't quite run to 7s. 6d. It's very kind of you."

I suppose you wouldn't care to give me a copy?

"Well, no," I said, "thanks very much."

"Ah," he said, "Well, thanks very much. We looked at each other, briefly, and then he walked away. I thought of telling him to try Father Christmas in a big store, but he was probably going there, anyway."

After that we got five or six books, including a middle-aged couple in rimless glasses, a pair each. They said they were on vacation from Toronto and were insisting that I put the date on the title page. "Then will you," said the man, seriously, "we, this here?"

"You don't want the longitude and latitude?" I said—the sparkling author to the life.

"No," said the wife. "I guess we'll make out with the date."

It was impossible to follow what they thought they were doing, but I wrote, in November 7th 1949, as neatly as possible. I was only after they'd gone the I found it was really November 5th. Looks as if I've put two Christmas 24 hours behind the times.

A slump set in. Several people looking, but no trade. I decided to whip up some business by addressing the queue, and, in particular, a lady with a very fine purple hat who'd been added to me for some time.

"Would you," I said, "like to buy a glass book? Simple, plot-terable, type, and an overall air of Galimatias."

The lady said, "No, thank you," in a strained voice.

"You'd rather have the Splendour and Havoc of All Voyaging?" I asked her.

"Yes," she said.

"I hope you find out what it means," I said, and turned away.

I found myself face to face with three schoolgirls. Three schoolgirls with school hats and pigstails and best gym dresses. About the level of the Upper Fifth.

"Pardon me," said one of the schoolgirls, "but are you really Professor Kinsey?"

(No power on earth can compel you to believe this bit. I can only assure you it's true. And somewhere, discreetly, concealed under a pocket, pads in some quiet dorm, is the irrefutable evidence in black and white.)

"Who took the liberty," I asked them, "of telling you that I was Professor Kinsey?"

The smallest schoolgirl pointed. "That gentleman over there."

The economic depression victim in the green hat. He returned my look without moving a muscle. Vendetta! Just because I wouldn't give him a free copy!

"Very well," I said, "now that my identity has been revealed, what do you want?"

The schoolgirls consulted hurriedly together. Then the largest of them, putting a bold face on it, produced a large book. "Would you mind autographing this for us?" she said.

"But," I exclaimed, "but you haven't gone and bought that?"

"Miss Trenchard told us to get it," said the large schoolgirl primly. "It's a holiday task."

"It certainly is," I said, and wrote EDGAR B. KINSEY across the fly-leaf.

I don't know the Christian names of the author of the report on the sexual behaviour of the American male, but I imagine they can't be very far removed from Edgar B.

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## What the CHINESE PRESS is saying

### Hong Kong Defence

WAH KIU YAT PO: The First Reading of the Essential Services Corps Ordinance has passed the Legislative Council. As a preparation for rainy days it is indeed laudable.

Since June the British Government and the Hong Kong Government have left no stone unturned in planning for the defence of Hong Kong but it is to be deplored that nearly all the efforts have been directed toward the military aspect of the question.

The peculiar position and complicated surroundings of Hong Kong has made her more vulnerable to internal trouble than to an outside attack. If no adequate preparation is made in time of peace, the situation will get out of control when trouble flares up.

Failure to maintain peace and order is liable to bring about military defeat.

Far-sightedness of the Hong Kong Government is seen in adopting the above measure when military preparations have been completed.

We hope that the Ordinance will quickly pass through all the necessary legal procedure and be put into operation as soon as possible as there is no telling when an emergency will turn up.

We urge the public to contribute their share to the maintenance of the security of Hong Kong. Security of Hong Kong means the security of the individual.

### Regional Pacts

WAH KIU YAT PO: War-mongering has been revived in the East and West. Peace and security have been discarded as an international necessity for survival. The powers today resort to regional pacts for self-protection.

According to the United Nations Charter, which contains a whole chapter on regional pacts, the purpose of such agreements is to secure regional understanding for the maintenance of peace and security.

Inclusion of the chapter in the Alliance of Western Powers and

the recent Atlantic Pact, though not against the UNO, show weaknesses in the United Nations Organisation.

A further example of the organisation's weakness can be seen in the recent Soviet's proposal for a Five-Power Pact for international peace.

The basic requirement for international peace and security is international co-operation and understanding. Conflicting ideologies lead to war unless there is mutual understanding and sincere co-operation.

### General Li's Future

SING TAO JIH PO: Acting President Li Tsung-jen's arrival in Hong Kong aroused considerable suspicion in view of the many rumours that preceded his departure from Nanking for Hong Kong.

However, his statement has clarified the situation. He is determined, as he has always been, to shoulder the responsibilities of his office and carry out his duties faithfully. This admirable spirit commands respect from all.

The Kuomintang originally was a revolutionary political party. However, later and particularly since the end of the war, the Kuomintang steadily became corrupt and deteriorated.

From the viewpoint of the common people, we made careful observations of the new People's Government, but they were not able to reach reasonable conclusions because of conflicting re-

ports from areas so far away as North China.

However, the new regime has been in control of Canton for two months and the impressions we have gathered are not encouraging.

We, therefore hope and urge Acting President Li Tsung-jen to continue to lead the nation and to wipe out all existing corrupt and irregular practices in the Government.

We also urge him to unite all other good leaders within and without China to find a new route for the salvation of China.

We believe that Hong Kong need have no fear of an attack from outside. The Governor, however, has appealed for volunteers for the Essential Services Corps. This is mainly a precautionary measure to guard against an emergency.

Maintenance of systems for food distributions and protection of public services are important matters affecting the entire population.

Even if the Governor had not appealed for volunteers, every citizen should take the initiative and come forward to join the Essential Services Corps. It is a duty that everyone in the Colony should undertake voluntarily.

## Death Rides In Mexico

While Safety First road slogans are familiar sights in most countries, there is news from Mexico of what happens when all safety precautions are left in the hands of the motorists.

The result is nothing less than a litany of horror stories. In Mexico City, a city of London's size, just take a serious view of an average of 40 road deaths a month, but such a death rate in Mexico City would call for official celebrations on account of its lowness.

As it is, the reckless motorist claims up to 20 pedestrians killed every day. The most frequent victims are small children who have been allowed on to the streets without first being taught that there is no traffic control in the city and that motorists stop for no one—not even the hundreds of traffic police who constantly blow whistles and challenge each other's signals, so making the confusion even worse.

Nor do the authorities take any drastic steps to keep death off the roads. On the contrary, as if to make yet another hazard for the pedestrian, the famous and beautiful Paseo de la Reforma has been repaved and the "safety" zone dividing the 8-lane roadway has been filled with cash. Now the traffic-terrorised pedestrian must choose between being run over or being pricked to death in a cactus bush.

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## Prague Extends Purge To Farms

Prague, November 25.

Communist Czechoslovakia's middle class purge, which already has galled thousands of businessmen, was extended into the countryside. Victims of the new purge were the large farm owners.

## Speed-Up On European Railways

Amsterdam, November 25.

Railway experts from 19 European countries at a conference in Amsterdam today made several decisions designed to speed up European goods traffic and help inter-European trade.

A four member delegation was sent from the Russian-controlled Reichsbahn in the Eastern zone of Germany.

Decisions were made for increasing export trade between South Western European countries and Scandinavia, Poland and Czechoslovakia and for speeding up rail connections between Italy, Western Europe and Scandinavia.

The conference, which closed today, will meet again in Yugoslavia next March, and Switzerland next November. Its decisions today will come into effect next summer.—Associated Press.

The drive—apparently aimed at eventual collectivisation of agriculture—had been heralded by a Government spokesman, the Planning Minister, Jaromir Dolansky.

"The villages, too, must be socialised," he said. "The big farmers are charged with 'economic sabotage'—failure to fulfill crop delivery quotas or refusal to follow Government-dictated planting programmes.

Such charges would seem premature since the time allowed for delivery of quotas has not yet expired.

Penalties for "economic sabotage" range from imprisonment in labour camps to confiscation of property and heavy fines.

The sentences were assessed by Communist-controlled district national committees (local governing bodies) upon evidence reportedly collected by Communist search and seizure parties.

### "Sabotage"

The maximum land holding allowed in Czechoslovakia is 124 acres.

No one said how many farmers have been arrested.

Dolansky, in a recent speech in Parliament, blamed the "sabotage" of the land owners and rich farmers for failure of agriculture to fulfill a two-year plan which preceded the current five-year plan.

A recent decree ordered that all privately-owned agricultural machinery be pooled for community use. The Communist Press has accused the "rich" farmers of refusing to go along with such schemes.—Associated Press.

## PAKISTAN ENVOY SEES ATTLEE

London, November 25.

Nawab Mushtaq Ahmed Gurmiani, Pakistan's Ambassador-at-Large and Minister for Kashmir Affairs, today called on Mr. Clement Attlee, the Prime Minister, and Mr. George Isaacs, Minister of Labour.

Nawab Gurmiani, who is going on to Geneva on Monday, has been discussing the Kashmir problem, with statesmen in London and other European capitals.

He is to put the Pakistan case on Kashmir before the United Nations Security Council.

His meeting with Mr. Attlee was a general discussion of the Kashmir dispute, its consequences on Commonwealth and international relations and the means for its settlement, observers here understood.—Reuter.

London, November 25. The Very Reverend Henry Edward Laly, aged 72, Privy Chamberlain to the Pope in 1910, died at Chiswick yesterday.—United Press.

## Britain's Record In Housing

Brighton, November 25. Mr. Ansofin Bevan, the Minister of Health, addressing a housing conference at Brighton today, said that Britain had provided 1,000,000 homes since the war.

Mr. Bevan said that Britain, in comparison with other countries, had "every reason to be proud" of her record in housing and there was no reason to be depressed when it was necessary to slacken a little.—Reuter.

## PANAMA RULERS MUDDLE

Washington, November 25.

The State Department announced today that the United States has no diplomatic relations with Panama if Dr. Arnulfo Arias is President.

Dr. Arias, an ex-President and leader of the Revolutionary Party yesterday became the third presidential leader to be proclaimed President of Panama in the last five days.

He was declared President with the support of the police chief, Colonel Antonio Remon. Crowd acclaimed him in the streets.

Earlier yesterday the Supreme Court of Panama had held the Dr. Chanis, deposed on Sunday by Colonel Remon's police, was still constitutional President of Panama.

Last Sunday Dr. Chanis was persuaded to resign after Colonel Remon and two senior police officials had defied a Presidential decree dismissing them from office.

The Vice-President, Seno Roberto Chirri, was immediately sworn in as President by the Supreme Court. The Supreme Court ruled that Senor Chirri was only provisional President.

A few hours later Colonel Remon said that Dr. Arnulfo Arias had been appointed President.

Addressing thousands of cheering people from the balcony of the Presidential Palace, Dr. Arias said that his Government would maintain friendly relations with all countries and would give ample guarantees to capital, labour and industry.—Reuter.

## U.S. ENVOYS IN ISTANBUL TALKS

Mr. George C. McGhee, American Assistant Secretary of State, arrived in Istanbul today to preside at a five-day exchange of views among United States diplomatic and consular representatives from Middle Eastern countries opening here tomorrow.

Envoys to Turkey, Greece, Persia, Egypt, Iraq, the Lebanon, Syria, Jordan and Saudi Arabia and consuls in Cyprus and Jerusalem will attend the conference.—Reuter.

## BRITISH FRIENDSHIP FRANCE'S OBJECTIVE

Paris, November 25.

Several speakers declared in the French Assembly today that while it is right to promote better relations with Germany, British friendship remains a cornerstone of French foreign policy. The Deputies switched the emphasis from Germany to Anglo-French relations on this third and final day of their foreign affairs debate.

Vigorous applause greeted M. Jean Le Bail, Socialist, when he regretted that Mr. Winston Churchill's proposal in June, 1940, for common Anglo-French citizenship was never carried out.

"The necessary Franco-German rapprochement, now under discussion, must not diminish the importance of the understanding with England which is the essential basis of France's policy," he added.

M. Le Bail warned the Assembly that Germany will become the master of Europe within 10 years unless the Allies retain firm control.

M. Le Bail said France must make certain that German unity is not directed against her.

Asking how Germany would rise again without becoming a danger to Europe, he said, "In the first place, liberalism (lack of State control) and capitalism must not be given a free hand in remaking Europe. Liberalism at a European level means the end of French security."

### A Sinister Prediction

"If Franco-German rapprochement is brought about through the game of capitalism and industrial cartels, I don't think I am wrong in making this sinister prediction—in less than 10 years Germany will be master of Europe."

M. Edouard Bonnefous, Chairman of the Assembly's Foreign Affairs Committee, regretted "British opposition to the creation of European unity."

"We hope that our British friends will pay attention to our appeal and that they will finally be convinced that without Great Britain there is no Europe," he added.

Demilitarisation of West Germany implied unlimited military occupation, he continued. "Do London and Washington understand this problem?" he asked.

### Russian Action

West German Democrats had no agreed foreign policy, but he hoped the Federal Government would ratify the Bonn agreement, published yesterday.

Earlier, the Foreign Minister, Robert Schuman, had told the Assembly that Russia had refused to free 78 French youths held since the war despite his personal intervention with the Soviet Foreign Minister, Andrei Vyshinsky, for their release.

"Neither in France nor in the French Zone does there exist a single person held against his will," stated M. Schuman.

"But we know the addresses of 78 youths from Moscow and Alsace—in Russia. I gave this list to M. Vyshinsky 10 months ago. I have received no reply."—Reuter and United Press.

## SHAH ENJOYING VISIT

New York, November 25.

The Shah of Persia told reporters here today that he had enjoyed his visit to America much more than all his expectations, which were very great.

The Shah expressed his appreciation of his visit to La Guardia Airfield before he took off for Detroit on a transcontinental tour which will end when he returns to New York on December 18.

Asked if he thought his visit to America would cement closer American-Persian relations, the Shah replied, "This is a certainty, and a hope too—certainty for our side and we hope for your side too."

The Shah said that he had never had the feeling that America's industrial power was anything but in the interests of peace.

What had impressed him most, the Shah said, was "your fantastic industrial capacity and production and that you have been able to develop your country to the maximum that present situation allows."

He added, "I was also most impressed by the simplicity and, at the same time, by the kindness of your people. It was so deeply felt that I enjoyed myself and in seeing your people happy and so well off."

At Detroit the Shah will visit a motorcar works, receive an honorary degree of Doctor of Laws from the University of Michigan and see his brother, Mhamour Reza Pahlavi, a student at the University.

On returning to New York on December 18 the Shah is to have dinner with General Dwight Eisenhower, President of Columbia University.—Reuter.

## SOVIET HOUSE OF CULTURE CLOSES DOWN

Belgrade, November 25.

The Soviet House of Culture here closed its doors today.

Its information room, cinema and restaurant had been open to the Yugoslav public since the war.

Printed notices in Serb-Croat Russian said in large letters that the House of Culture had been closed "for reasons which do not depend on the Directorate".

No official explanation—either Russian or Yugoslav—was forthcoming.

Usually reliable sources here stated that the closing followed a spot identity check by the police on Yugoslav visitors leaving the building two nights ago.

Some of them were taken away in a van.—Reuter.

## AID TO GERMANY

Washington, November 25.

The West German Federal Republic and the United States are expected to sign next week a bilateral agreement covering direct Economic Co-operation Administration aid to Germany, officials stated today.

The Bonn agreement, which was announced yesterday, is regarded as having cleared the way for the signature of the aid pact.

This agreement is expected to result in Germany being represented directly in Washington by an ECA Mission—for the first time since the war.—Reuter.

## Religious Revival In Japan

Tokyo, November 25.

An era of religious revival will occur in Japan some time in the not distant future, Jacob de Shazer, former member of the Doolittle bombing mission and now a Methodist missionary resident in Japan, said yesterday.

Mr. de Shazer came to Tokyo from Osaka, where he has been engaged in Methodist missionary work.

Mr. de Shazer, who participated in the first air attack on Tokyo on April 18, 1942, spent the war years as prisoner-of-war in Japanese internment camps.

He came to Japan last December at a Methodist missionary to spread Christianity among the Japanese people.

In a Press interview yesterday prior to his first religious lecture here, he said that his first year's experience as a missionary in Japan had very much impressed him with the fact that there are as many serious Christians in Japan as in the United States.

He said that fears which he entertained before his departure to Japan that the Japanese people would be resentful of him in connection with the air raids were entirely groundless. He had met, on the contrary, a very friendly attitude from the Japanese.

Asked what was most disappointing to him since his arrival here, Mr. de Shazer mentioned the fact that some of the Japanese Christians with whom he had come into contact appear to have not demonstrated the spirit of Christianity in their life.—Reuter.

## ANTI-LEOPOLD MOVEMENT

Brussels, November 25.

The former Belgian Socialist Premier, M. Paul Henri Spaak, was among the hundreds of Belgians at a secret meeting here today discussing a plan of action to prevent King Leopold's return.

The delegates represented the Action Committees of Socialist Party members and Socialist-sponsored trade unions set up earlier this year.

Today's meeting followed a call to workers by the Socialist Party Congress earlier this month to oppose "with all the strength at our disposal" the return to the throne of provisionally exiled King Leopold.—Reuter.

## JUST PIFFLE

London, November 25.

Moscow radio said today that "the big bell of London's Westminster Abbey" was cast in Moscow.

"Incredible," said Abbey officials, "Piffle," said Veers and Staynbank, the firm which has cast every bell for the Abbey since 1800.—United Press.



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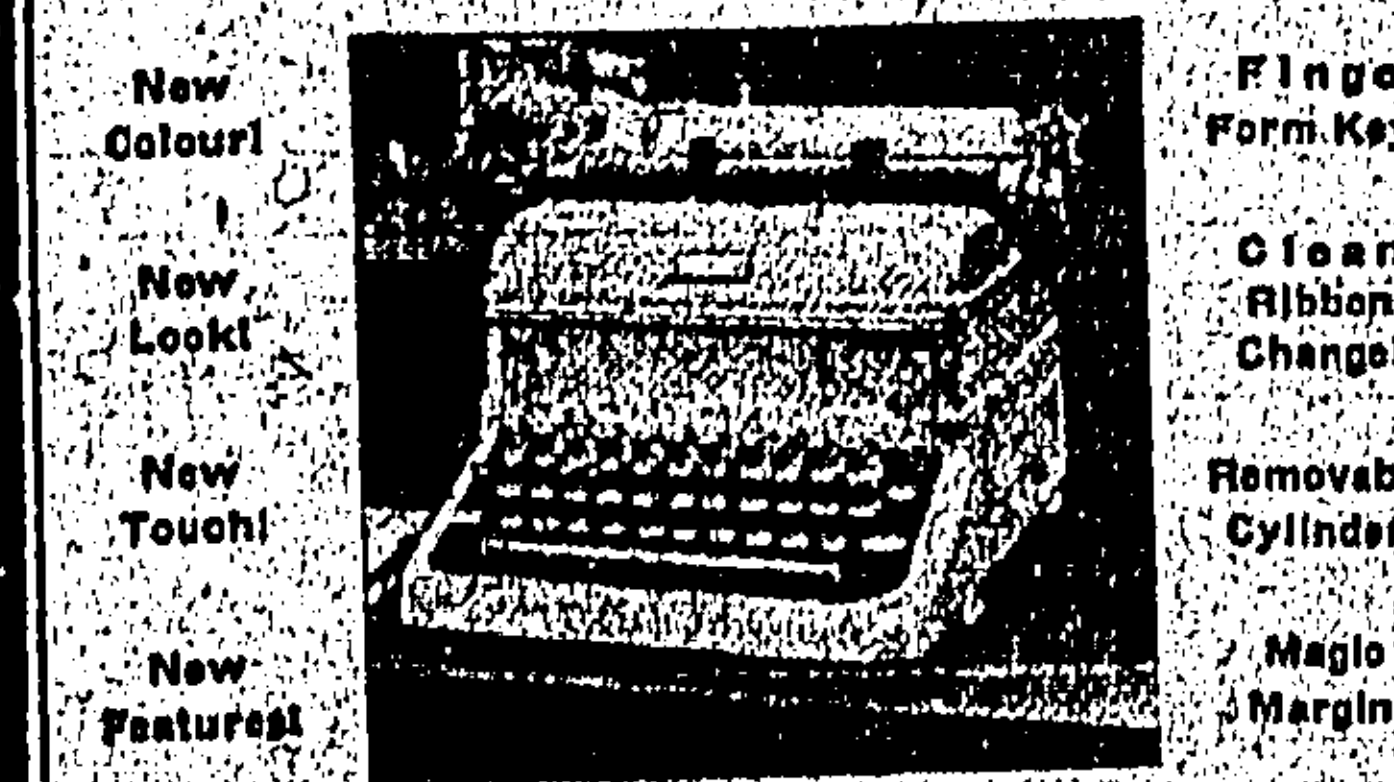
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# Whisky Galore

By C.A. MACKINNON

Snow lies picturesquely now on the heights of Spey-side.

And the warm lining to this cold fact is that the stranger's eyes, the distance between any two distilleries, seems no more than a good, warm, leap, the snowdrops of today are the night-caps of tomorrow.

For the snow will feed the springs and Highland streams that, in turn, feed the distilleries and give something of their distinctive character to Scotch whisky.

## Back To The 1939 Output Figure

It will play its chilly part in helping Scotland to maintain an annual production of more than 29,000,000 gallons of proof spirit. That is the figure for the production year of 1940-50. That was the figure chalked up in 1939. And this will be the first year in which it has been reached since Hitler jogged the elbows of Scotch-drinkers all over the world and knocked the glasses from their hands.

Good news? For most of us, yes. But before you dust off the decanter, a head of sober facts have to be looked manfully in the face.

Present stocks of Scotch whisky (proof spirit) amount to some 150,000,000 gallons, but those stocks consist for the most part of what the distiller calls new whisky. There's the rub. The average age of whisky used in the blends is about eight to 10 years, and before every Jack can have his fill again the backlog of the war years has to be wiped out.

## The Story On The Girder

I have just completed a barley-to-bond tour of Speyside, home of "Highland Malt," the most important of the malt whiskies used, with some grain whisky, in the blends.

There on a warehouse girder at one of the distilleries was a miniature history of Scotch, simply told in two rows of white stencilled figures.

The top row named the years. The bottom row gave the production figures for each 12 months. You saw the quick drop after 1939. You saw that two years were missing altogether.

In 1943 and 1944 peat smoke no longer drifted into the Highland skies from the drying kilns. The fires were out (in this corner of Europe, anyway) and the stills were empty. Troops had replaced barley on the floors of the malt barns.

Those figures on the girder, and even more the figures that aren't on the girder, explain why it's of little use to bully the man at the wine and spirit store (even though actual whisky production is now back to pre-war level).

This year's releases from stock will amount to 11,000,000 gallons

2,000,000 of them (which is 1,000,000 gallons less than the amount lost from stock every year by evaporation) being given out for export. This compares with a pre-war output of just under 9,500,000 gallons for the home market and 11,250,000 gallons for export.

Of the current export allocation, 9,000,000 gallons go to hard-currency areas, including some 5,000,000 gallons for America.

## Still A 'Go-Slow' On Release

The whisky trade is rightly jealous of a reputation built up over the years. It would be easy to release spirit for blending that was not properly matured. But it wouldn't be good business—and it wouldn't be good whisky.

So there must still be this go slow on releases from stock, and while Britain's dollar shortage is acute the hard-currency areas must get the lion's share.

In the United States the name of the Scotch whisky, the name of the distillery, has had to be changed because over there the word whisky is frowned upon in film titles. But though the Hays Office may bury its head in the sand on the bar-room floor, quite a few Americans still like to see the word whisky on a bottle.

This year's revenue from America alone will be around 40,000,000 dollars, an adjustment in sterling price now neutralising the effect of devaluation.

But don't run away with the angry idea that America is swallowing Scotch. Transatlantic exports represent little more than 4 per cent of U.S. whisky consumption, and there are divided views as to whether the thirsty American can be induced to step up his demand appreciably—whether he can be weaned from other tastes.

## Outlook For Britons

The outlook for the man in Britain who can find tonic properties in more things than carrot juice is, therefore, better than ever. For, during recent years, all he needs is patience—and the money.

With a duty of £10 10s. 10d. a gallon on proof whisky—that means £1 14s. 7½d. on a bottle costing 33s. 4d.—the question of cost to the purchaser is one which worries the distiller as much as it worries the tax-bound citizen. These men whose forefathers first conjured from the soil of Scotland what they considered to be one of the best things in life certainly don't want it to be free, but they would like to see it freed from some of its burden—eventually to take its old place on the non-luxury list—as it certainly did in 1939, when duty was 2s. 10d. per proof gallon.

Happy days!

Time and again it has been stressed that the only hope Australia has of changing the Government is by merging the anti-Labour parties. And at last the get-together is an established fact, declared by the "Leader of the Opposition, Mr. T. G. Menzies, when he opened the election campaign outlining a joint policy for the Liberal Party and the Country Party.

These two really see eye to eye on the broad principles of government administration, but formerly certain oil and water characteristics defeated their purpose before it arrived at the polling booths. Now, however, under the threat of socialism which the Labour cloak no longer hides, the Opposition parties have decided to merge their policies into a firm platform for alternative administration.

This Federal election is the most momentous in the history of the Commonwealth, and Mr. Menzies subordinated all to one main issue, the opportunity given the electors to insure personal freedom. No one else in politics is the equal of the Liberal Leader for clear thinking and logical speech and he marshalled facts to prove that the country could not have a controlled economy without a control of human beings, and postulated that it was impossible to socialise the means of production without socialising men and women.

Short shrift was promised the Communist party with a plan to prevent any known Communist from holding union office, and a positive programme was given to safeguard the nation's free institutions and develop its resources.

The Opposition's plans for repealing the Bank Nationalisation Act were coupled with the suggestion of seeking a constitutional amendment whereby a referendum would be required on any proposed banking changes. Tucked in with this was the proposal that the Commonwealth Bank in the future would be brought back under the control of Parliament itself, rather than under one particular minister as decreed by the dictatorial powers of the 1945 Act.

Sympathetic man-to-man solutions were put forward for gaining and keeping harmony in industry, with emphasis on efficiency as the only secure basis for economic security.

## Foreign Policy

Foreign Policy plans are for greater Parliamentary influence than has been the case since the war ended, and that the House should be advised by an all-party standing committee.

The numerous conflicts arising from the policy of appeasement, the two opposing political systems were never in more open conflict and in this month of campaigning the people will have the pros and cons thrashed out in the democratic way before they decide at the polls whether Australia is to continue, predominantly, a free enterprise country, or follow the socialist route planned by the present Government.

This election business costs a lot of money. Party funds which are built up between elections for the campaign are now being drained. Each party is prepared to expand and enlighten on the other's methods of raising the wind and it is "traditional" that each can be relied upon to state the other's policy in its own words.

The only points both agree upon are the value of advertising and the practice of passing the hat. This year Labour has had to step lively in getting after funds because its policy of socialisation has dried up a few sources; even so it is estimated that the Government party will spend £40,000 on the campaign which ends on December 10, and which incidentally will be the shortest in the history of the Australian Parliament.

# AUSTRALIAN LETTER

## Money From Union

Most of this money will come from the unions and the Australian Workers' Union are the age donors. Investigations show that the Communist, emboldened by the goading of Communist, Sharkey, and the Government's handling of the coal strike, have managed to get certain allotments to Labour funds whittled down. The Whistler, that anti-Labour organ, has budgeted to spend £1,000,000 on campaigning after the Prime Minister's attempted bank grab makes chicken feed of the Labour estimate, and though this is possibly exaggerated, there is certainly no need for cheer-painting in the anti-Labour propaganda programme.

The Liberals and the Country Party worked together, on the petrol issue, decided that a non-Labour Government could sponsor a new, cheaper petrol in the anti-Labour propaganda programme. The bill was nonchalantly foisted by the Liberals, made it known that they were not troubled by the sordid details of cost.

## Canberra Conference

Everything very hush-hush with regard to the Canberra conference on Asiatic developments, and the most likely explanation of the reluctance to disclose anything is that no major decisions have been made. It is understood that recognition of the Chinese Communist Government is favoured, and that official statements have been withheld so as not to damage the Government's election chances.

From the only statement issued by the Department of External Affairs, the conference appears to have been in the jolly old round table manner with Dr. Ewart and his boys swapping ideas and high Commissioner of the United Kingdom and the head of the Far Eastern Department of the UK, helped out by the secretary of the New Zealand Department of External Affairs.

Out of it should come a working arrangement for Australia's foreign policy in relation to the whole South East Asia area. Aims are maximum economic development and orderly growth of political autonomy and democratic institutions, so that everyone will be policy-wary and turn a deaf ear to the extremists.

When the Japanese Premier spoke out of his turn about his country refusing unfavourable peace terms it didn't even cause a mild sensation here because everyone realises that Japan just can't be choosier after her unconditional surrender. There was, however, great astonishment at Japan's audacity in preparing for the Olympic Games to be held in Melbourne in 1950, and unless there is a big change in public opinion, Japan won't even get the invitation. On the other hand, it is recognised here that Japan must take her place in the economic set-up of the Pacific and that she must trade with Australia, but this doesn't mean that the people are in the mood to welcome Japanese to the Commonwealth on a pre-war footing.

## Transport For Crops

On the land the growers are crying out for adequate transport for their crops. Good seasons have piled up all the primary products, and wheat and wool production this year will be the second highest on record. How the sugar will be got from the

drills to the refineries is a Queensland nightmare, while the wheat growers of New South Wales where the railways are woefully short of rolling stock, face the colossal problem of moving 200,000 bushels per day for the next 12 months. As the age of motor-cars has passed it appears that much of the harvest is destined to rot at the sidings, and many farmers are dreading that they'll never plant wheat again.

Cattle rustling, modern style, with trucks and portable pens, is adding to the drama of life for graziers with isolated holdings. High stock prices—a fat suckler lamb brings 40s—and vealers anything up to £20—and the good seasons have given a fresh impetus to the lawless. In the great put-back most properties are sheep and cattle to 18 months old have not been mustered for ear-marking or branding, so the bad men stand little chance of being caught in the act which is practically the only way of shepherding home the stealing of clean-kins.

Even the "dead heart" has come alive with such seasons as we have had, but alas and alack it is with a force that threatens the primary interests. Brer Rabbit, this summer has become quite cheeky during the lush seasons and breeds in the grass and roams the country selecting the best herbage and leaving the weeds to thrive.

It is claimed that if rabbits were eradicated another 20 million sheep could be carried and as on a conservative basis the wool from a sheep today is worth £2 per annum it can easily be seen that a little of this money spent wisely would pay fabulous dividends.

Unfortunately the Federal Government has been too busy collecting taxes and spending on socialistic schemes to take any hand in controlling the rabbits, with the result that a major offensive will now be required to rid the land of the pest.

## Of This And That

There's been a lot of tut-tut-ing since the American censor cut the nude scenes from the Australian film "Sons of Mattie" which Sydney's Wendy Webb starred. It is not that the delightful shots of frolics in a wattle-fringed creek are offensive, but just that the Americans, strange as it may seem, have a code which demands some covering on any person appearing on the screen.

The "Sons of Mattie" did not deter the censors from halting the scenes as terrific and predicting that the star would be sought for American films. As Wendy has received the highest praise for her entire performance in the film her publicity is not likely to be affected by her mother's statement that there was a scandal in the nude scenes and that the swimming was done in costume.

The world premier in Sydney next month will show the film as the producers planned for the Commonwealth Empire Games. It is suitable for general exhibition. Adelaide is to be the first city in Australia with two-way radio-controlled taxi cabs. The equipment will reduce some of the luggage space but the drivers will be in contact with the first office all the time and passengers will send signals by calling a switch operator who will relay the message. Sydney feels that it is alright for the little sister cities to play with such a novelty but considers it would be a physical impossibility to cope with it in a city where people queue for telephones and fares pop in one door while a taxi discharges from the other.

The Italian ship Remo which was captured in 1941 and sent to the Royal Navy has been sold back to Italy and has reverted to her baptismal name. After 10 months at Newcastle undergoing repairs she is at last en route for Singapore with a definitely Italian crew set-up aboard. The Maritime Transport Union has insisted on an Australian crew for all ships sold in Australia to overseas buyers, so the Remo at present has an Australian crew getting three times as much as they would here, and although the Italian owners' representatives are aboard they have no say in her running. To pile on the force, the Australian crew turned down the crew accommodation, and has been quarantined in a passenger accommodation. Because of the scramble for berths the crew was drawn out of the ship and is estimated to cost the owners £30,000 including £10,000 for the repatriation of Australians.

## "We Two" Crdze

The "we-two" fashion craze is running through the community like a grass fire. It started with the charming idea of identical frocks for mother and small daughter, and then appeared brighter and even better in the form of the snow-cornivals where it was a favourite with the clothes-conscious newly-weds. Not to be out of things a few brother and sisters adopted the theme for casual occasions but the appeal didn't catch on in this section and it looked like curtains for the act. However it has staged a come-back in man and maid identicals for the swim season, and every beach scene shows the motif, most effective in the new favourite white patterned with large art moderne flowers.

Despite the fact that Australians are credited with wasting down every meal with a gallon of tea they account for a sizeable coffee trade in the cities hundreds of little shops do a roaring business on the utilitarian aroma alone but with the new prices they will have to start enquiring about for another lure, and there's nothing surer the demitasse will disappear from the menu altogether.

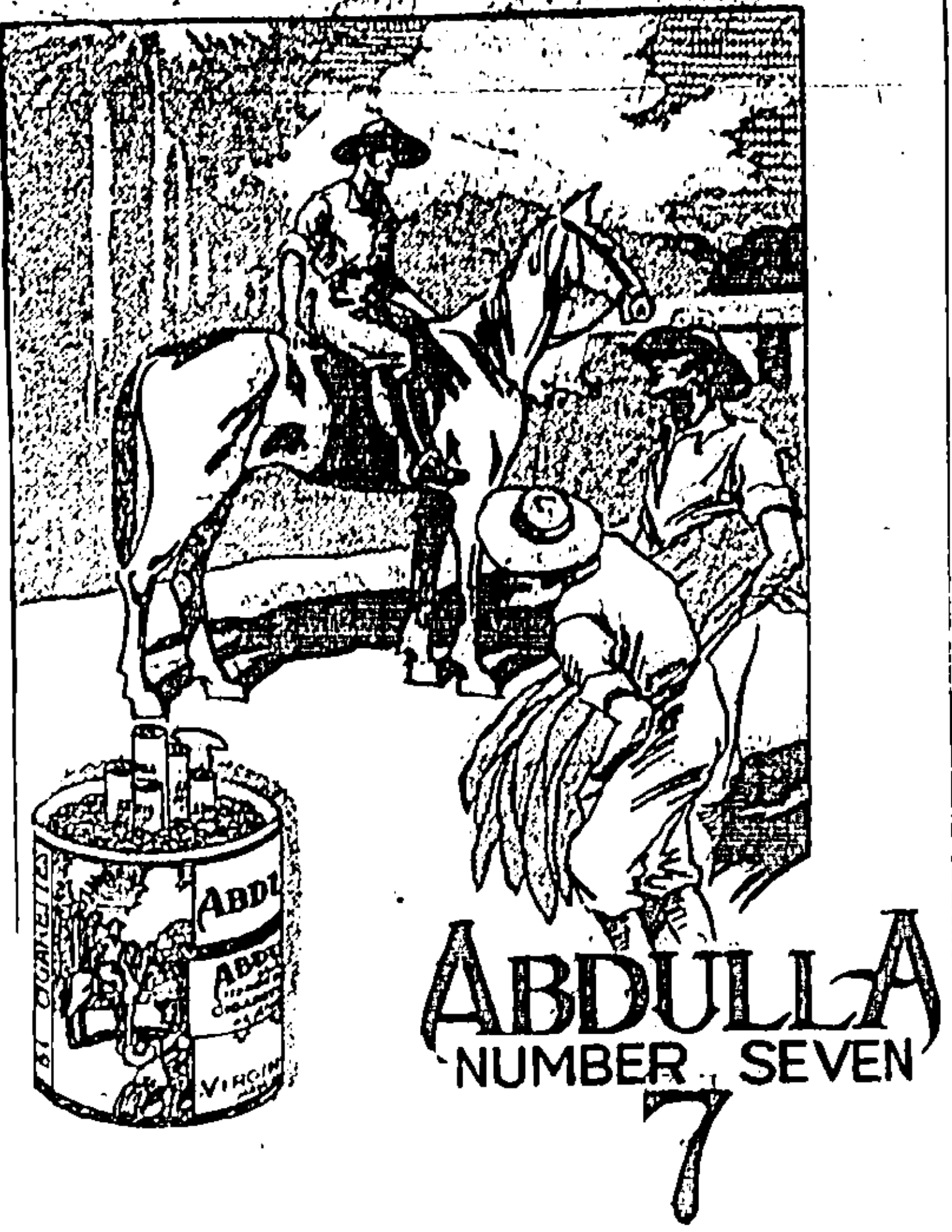
Devaluation has raised the price of hard currency coffee by 43 per cent, and there has been a crop failure which has further added to the price. Now sold at \$4 per lb. the price is expected to rise in the next few months to 10/- per lb.

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## Shooting Your First Stag

By MCKENZIE PORTER

Beyond the field at the back of Irwin Andrew's farm in Douglas, Renfrew County, Ontario, the bush sweeps north for 1,000 miles to the shores of Hudson Bay.

It was in this dense wilderness of pine and poplar and cedar that I shot my first stag the other day, and learned how the sons of the sons of immigrants have modified the traditional sport of their ancestors to suit the country of their adoption.

Although Irwin Andrew and his neighbours, George McLeod and David Sutherland, are true Canadian Canadians they have little trace of North American accent. As we moved off together at daylight, in our red safety caps, bush jackets and half boots, their soft slow speech was that of the Scottish Highlands they had never seen.

The remote settlement to which they belong is in Scotland now as it was that day 100 years ago when their great-grandfathers built the small houses they still occupy. The evening glow of lights of these frugal farms were best to view as the bush enclosed us, and the five hounds began to strain at the leash.

We were stalking. We were hunting. You cannot stalk in the bush, where the saplings are as close that they switch your face at every step, and where even the deer are forced to keep to trails blazed by the fawns and three centuries of English, Scottish and French hunters.

Men have wandered in circles in this country for days and then died of exhaustion within two miles of Irwin Andrew's home-land.

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I went on alone feeling agitated in the deep silence which enveloped me. Whenever the trail got

nausea, my heart jumped and I looked over my shoulder to make sure I could find my way back. I lost my nerve.

But I went on until I came to a small open area they had described, and hid myself among the branches of a giant balsam. I was to fire only if the others ahead of me were by-passed by the deer. Since there were four of us hunting we were entitled to four deer.

After about two hours I heard the hounds pick up the scent well to the south of me. They gave tongue fiercely, and it was clear they were on to something fresh. For a time they passed backward and forward across my front.

Then I heard them coming nearer. They were in full cry and no close that I guessed the deer had got past both Jamie and George.

I thumbed back the hammer of my Winchester 303. I was the only one left to fire. If the deer passed me the hounds might be gone for days in the bush.

I could see fairly well for about 100 yards to my front and less well up to about 50 yards to my right and left.

Then I heard a thrilling sound, the third of heaven at the gallop, mingled with the exultant baying of the hounds. When I saw the stag my heart leapt.

### Like A Charger

It broke cover 100 yards to my left, going across the clearing like a charger. He was magnificent with a spread of three feet of his antlers.

I struck him at full gallop and he reared. He came on turning across my front at about 30 yards. I ran out of hiding to keep him in view. He stopped dead, saw my red cap, and lowered his head.

As he charged me I fired again, hitting him in the right shoulder. He turned, struck, and stumbled half-wildly to my right.

I lost him in brush and fired twice wildly at where I thought he was. Then he reappeared, staggering, and I dropped him with my fifth shot.

Later we discovered that I had struck him through the heart with my second round, yet the noble beast had made another 30 yards after that.

When the others came up and saw the stag they whooped and danced a little. Jamie Sutherland said, "If I've hunted for another fifty years, you'll never sit another head like you!"

I am going to have the head mounted, because I am proud of the stag. It will always remind me of the day I drove 300 miles from Lake Ontario, Canada, and got a breath of Scotland.

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## Private Lives No. 9—Ann Todd

# THE BEAUTY HAS STAGE FRIGHT

By NORMAN PRICE

She owns more dresses than Margaret Lockwood, for she admits that clothes are her weakness. She lives in a beautiful house in Kensington.

Her proud forehead is by ancestor Hogarth. Sleek blonde hair like spun silk gleaming in the summer sunshine. She is "one of the 10 most beautiful women in the world."

This opinion belongs to celebrity painter Dick Kitchin, who did her portrait for the film "So Evil My Love." One must respect Mr. Kitchin's worldliness, since he is shrewd enough to assert no woman should be painted until she is 30 years old.

Ann Todd is older than that. She has been a West End actress for many years. A film star for five. Her tumidly lovely blue eyes search questingly into your face as first meeting.

During this reconnaissance she makes eager, unflinching conversation in a voice like husky Canterbury bells. Yet all the time one knows she is nervous. Not of anything in particular.

Just nervous like a young receptionist being interviewed for a job.

She has a quarter-million pound contract with J. Arthur Rank. Beyond argument she is one of his international stars.

That does not quench the nervousness. Judge for yourself. Back to 1945, Ann Todd at the premiere of "The Seventh Veil"—her first big film. Regal in white ermine cloak, French silk gown. Her diamonds shine. She curtsies gravely to the Queen, who has come to watch the show.

Afterwards, when her Majesty wants to congratulate the new star, Ann Todd has to be fetched from the powder-room. She had been crying.

In her new film "Madeleine," the must ride a horse that bolts to the sea. Ann wears the full flowing skirt of period costume, so it needs a big horse.

But even in the gallop with flared nostrils and wild eye, so it must be an emotional horse.

### Francesca Has A Formula

The Pinewood Studios property department produced an appropriately fiery animal. To ensure its comparative placidity during rehearsal a veterinary surgeon injected a box of yellow pills—nervous-soothers for horses.

But Ann's eight-year-old daughter Francesca has a formula for handling horses: "When a horse is naughty, say 'You naughty horse.' But if he has been good pat his neck and say 'That's a good horse.'"

It is difficult to convince her famous mother that any accomplishment can be quite so easy. She was only half-interested in films, played trilly little bits in "Bulldog Drummond," Edgar Wallace's "The Squeaker," and "Water Gypsies"—until one day her agent said: "Let's stick to the stage, shall we, Ann? After all, your face is unphotogenic, your nose too pointed, cheekbones too big, and your hair"—he frowned at the sleekest, silkiest hair in films—"is wiry dear, positively wiry!"

From that hour forward, Ann Todd concentrated on films. Her husband, film director David Lean, in his zeal for his work he has turned himself thin, looks like a schoolmaster.

### She's Fond Of Gay Colours

He is directing Ann in "Madeleine," dramatic film version of a famous Scottish murder trial.

They reach home in the evening from the studios and most nights are glad to stay at home, musing before the electric fire and while sheepskin hearthrug in their long drawing-room.

The decor is startling, rain-bowish. The white sheepskin hearthrug is an oasis. It lies like a pool of white silence upon a thick red carpet. The carpet glares everywhere. It sets fire to the wide doors and corridors of every room in the beautiful mansion, except for their bedroom, where it abruptly becomes pale lilac.

The red carpet follows little Francesca into her nursery bedroom. She is as fond as her mother of bright colours. Her bedspread is patterned with attractive French Tuileries design, guarded by a red-checked cover. Brice-a-brac rabbits, dogs, glass toys in prism colours decorate the mantelpiece.

A Vegas print of the ballet dominates the wall, with a picture of Ann Todd.

Francesca spends much of the summer at a cottage on the Cornish coast, in blue jeans and sandals, getting sunburned, riding horses, growing sturdy.

Downstairs, Ann and David will be still seated on the sofa. They talk, but rarely about film work. And it's early to bed most nights because at 6-45 a.m. the telephone wakes them with the daily alarm call.

Then David Lean warns the coffee while Ann blinks toward her tiny dressing-room, about half as big as a gipsy's caravan.

It has dazzling wallpaper, blue and white stripes, meadowed with small red roses. Mirror, wash-bowl, white glass-topped shelves, bottles in cupboards tidily.

Ann has four white wardrobes. One for dresses, suits, costumes, with appropriate shoes jostling for floor space behind the door is a rack for three dozen belts. Her waist is tiny. In the other wardrobes neatly arranged are the gowns, sports clothes and accessories which make Ann one of the best dressed women on the screen.

At the side of her bed are a writing-pad and a sharpened pencil, heavy gold cigarette case. There is also a Bible inscribed "Dorothy Ann Todd, from her loving Aunt Eleanor, 1915."

Overlooking the garden David Lean has a desk with a beautiful presentation engagement diary for 1949, his name printed on its leather cover—and not a single entry!

His wardrobe is modest. He has only three or four suits, four or five ties—he rarely wears ties at the studio. And for some reason he keeps a box of snakes and ladders on his writing desk. His bedside book is the new Van Gogh biography, "Last to Live."

### Proud Of His Gardening

Ann Todd is proud of his gardening. In three summer months he has created a neat, artistic garden of white walls and apple trees, lawn borders of tiny white alyssum and blue lobelia, with a sun-trap patch of crazy paving and virginia-creepered white wall for sun-bathing.

As the summer went by and her little garden grew more attractive, Ann Todd could no



longer resist it—she telephoned Mr. J. Arthur Rank in person, invited the boss to tea so he might be suitably impressed by David's gardening.

But at work in the studios, David Lean is a velvet-gloved taskmaster, running harassed fingers wearily through dark rumpled hair, murmuring with relentless patience: "Do it again, like this—like this."

In the shipwreck confusion of a film studio, where the only unengaged people are the carpenters, David Lean is a sure anchor against invisible tides of panic.

He alone seems to know where he wants to go—and how to get there.

He is tired, but disciplined. He sucks deeply at a cigarette, seems to smile—then sighs the grey smoke out of himself, with a scowl of absent concentration.

### Secrets On The Screen

There is only one room in Ann Todd's lovely house that is unfurnished. It contains a tall canvas screen—the size used around invalids' beds in hospital. On to this screen, stuck with pins, is a composite picture of the secret heart of Ann Todd.

To her casual house guests, Ann Todd will gladly display her French engravings, or the comic Japanese Oscars awarded to her film director husband. To intimates, she can be coaxed to ex-

hibit her own paintings. There is a competent still-life of flowers painted by Ann Todd, framed in her bedroom.

But the screen stays hidden. The screen started more than 30 years ago when, as a toddler, Ann glued nursery pictures on to the top left-hand corner. Today, its six big canvases wings are smothered with pictures she has cut from magazines and books. Fairies, cats, elephants, lions, the inn from the whisky advertisement.

Ann is sensitive, slips herself in twain to be a good mother to Francesca and 11-year-old David. It is not easy to switch one's mind from studio troubles to David's pre-school cricket score. But she does it. Both David and Francesca are forbidden to go to the studios or to any gathering where they might witness their famous mother being adulated.

Wife, film-star—dreamy painter of gentle still-lives—Ann has genius for all three.

In his new "Private Lives" article, Norman Price meets MICHAEL WILDING

## Disbelieving Is Dangerous

To discover a famous tomb hidden for hundreds of years is the life-long ambition of many archaeologists.

To make such a discovery in Mexico, however, may only lead to a train of events culminating in threats of death from superstitious Indians.

Such threats now hang over six people in Mexico, who disbelieved reports that in the tiny town of Ixcateopan the tomb of Cuauhtemoc, the last Aztec Emperor had been discovered.

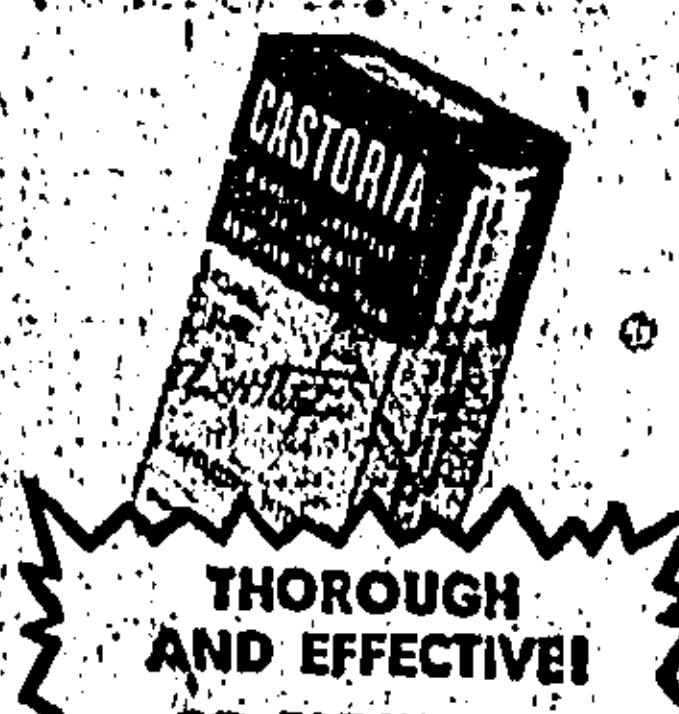
Hearings of the disbelief, the Indians of Ixcateopan have predicted that all six people will die through supernatural causes in the near future. Most people would very likely pay little attention to "just another superstition." No so the six disbelievers in Mexico, however.

Recalling how two doubting historians previously "condemned to die" by the Indians, were killed in a mysterious plane crash on the very day that the tomb of Cuauhtemoc was opened, the six new disbelievers are thinking of journeying to Ixcateopan to make amends for their disbelief by seeing the tomb for themselves.



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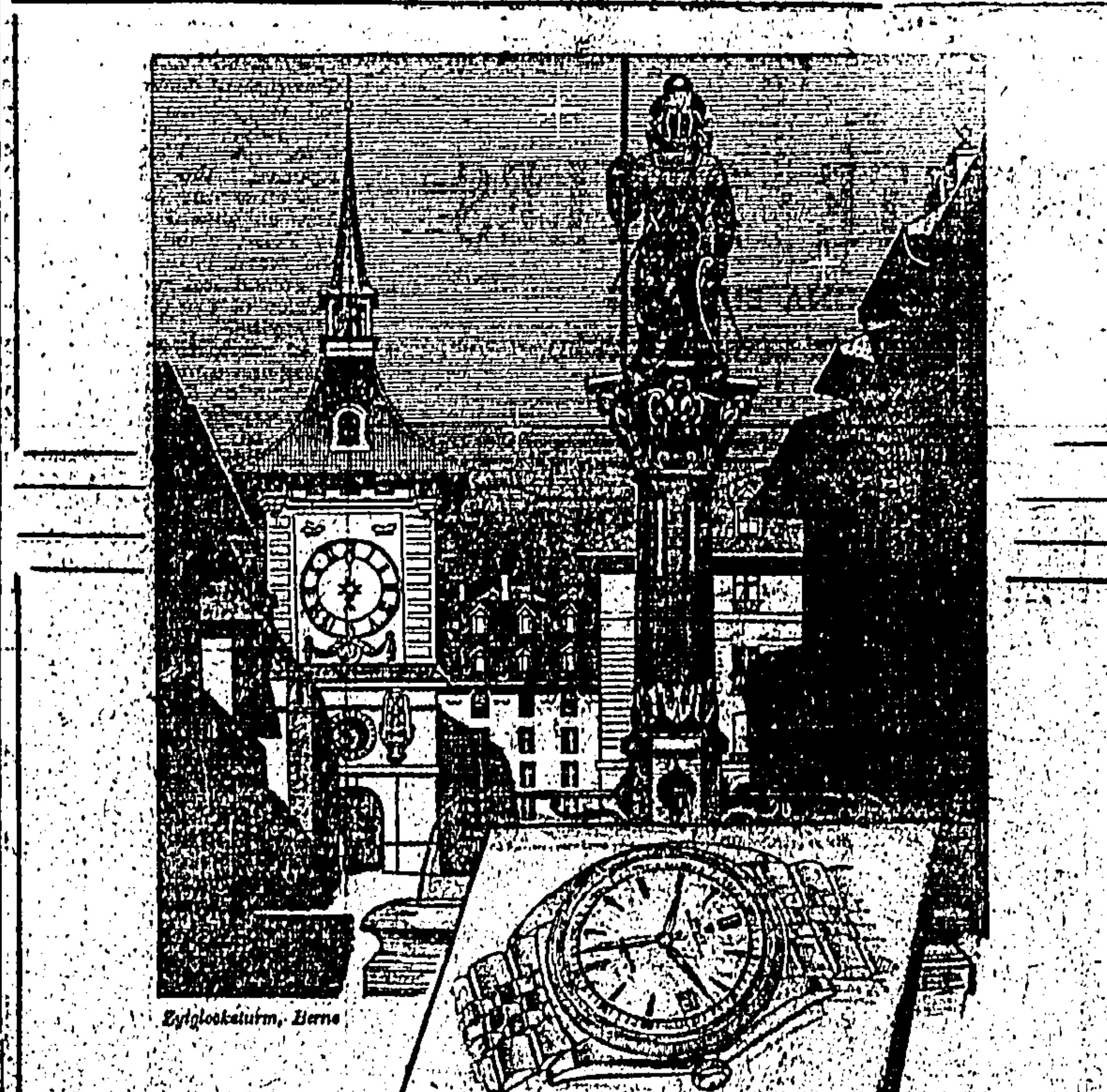
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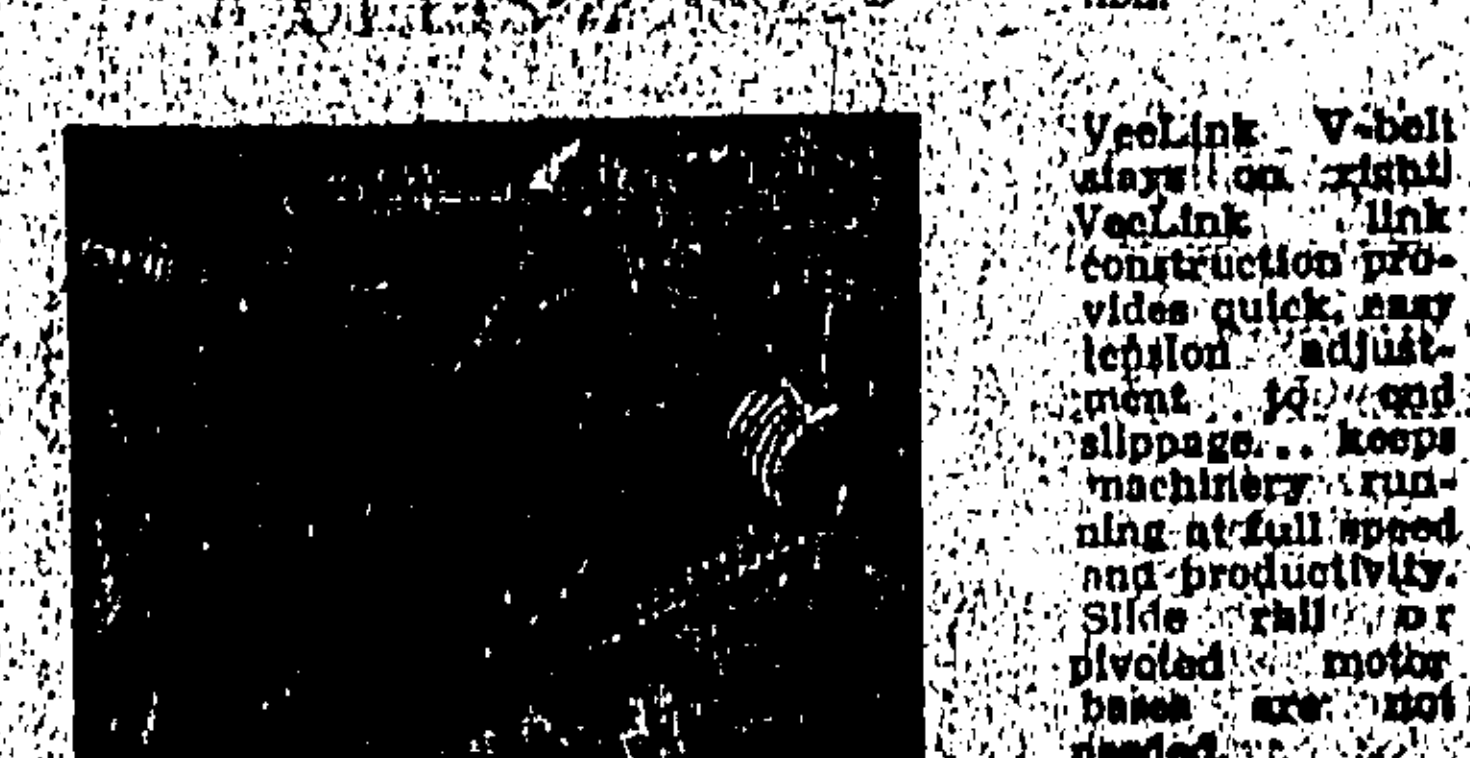
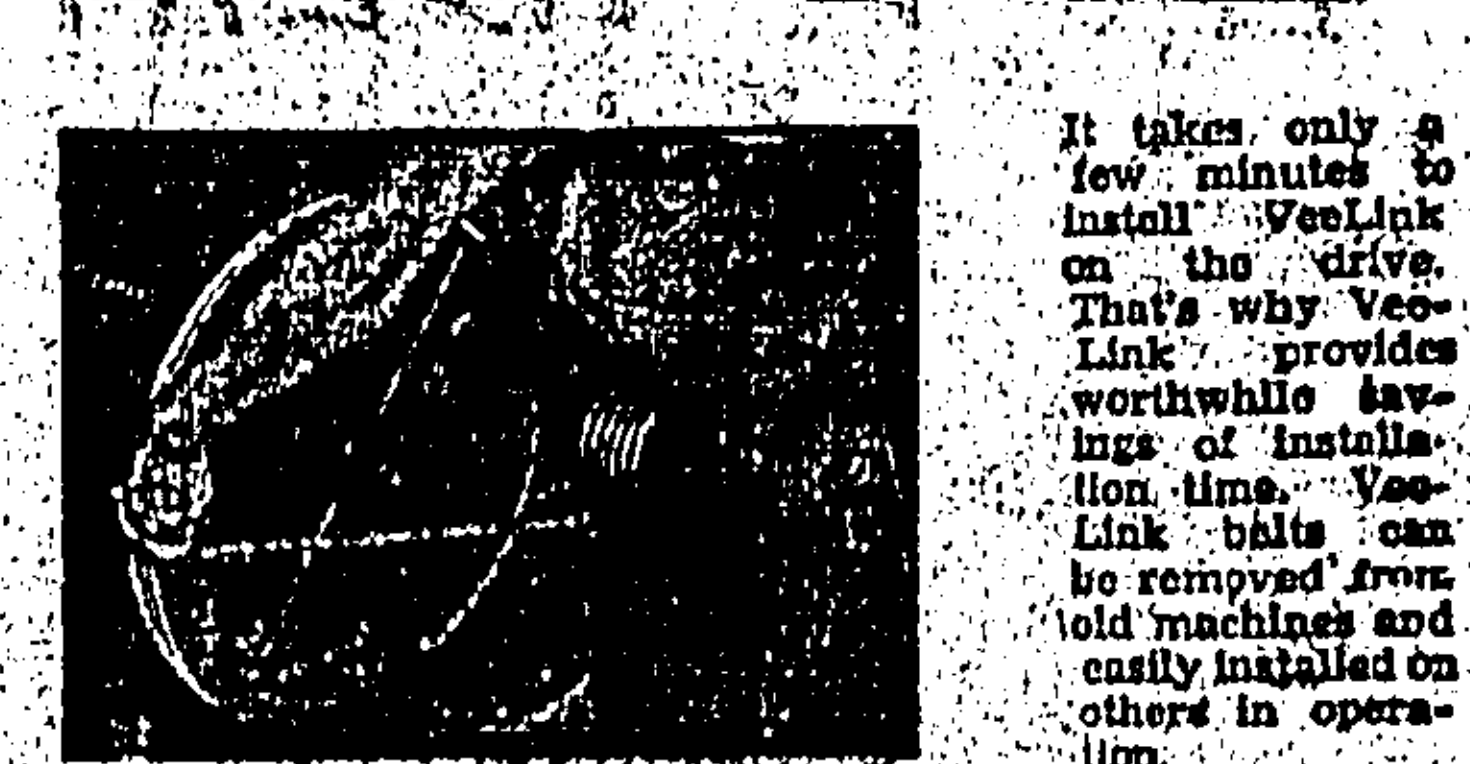


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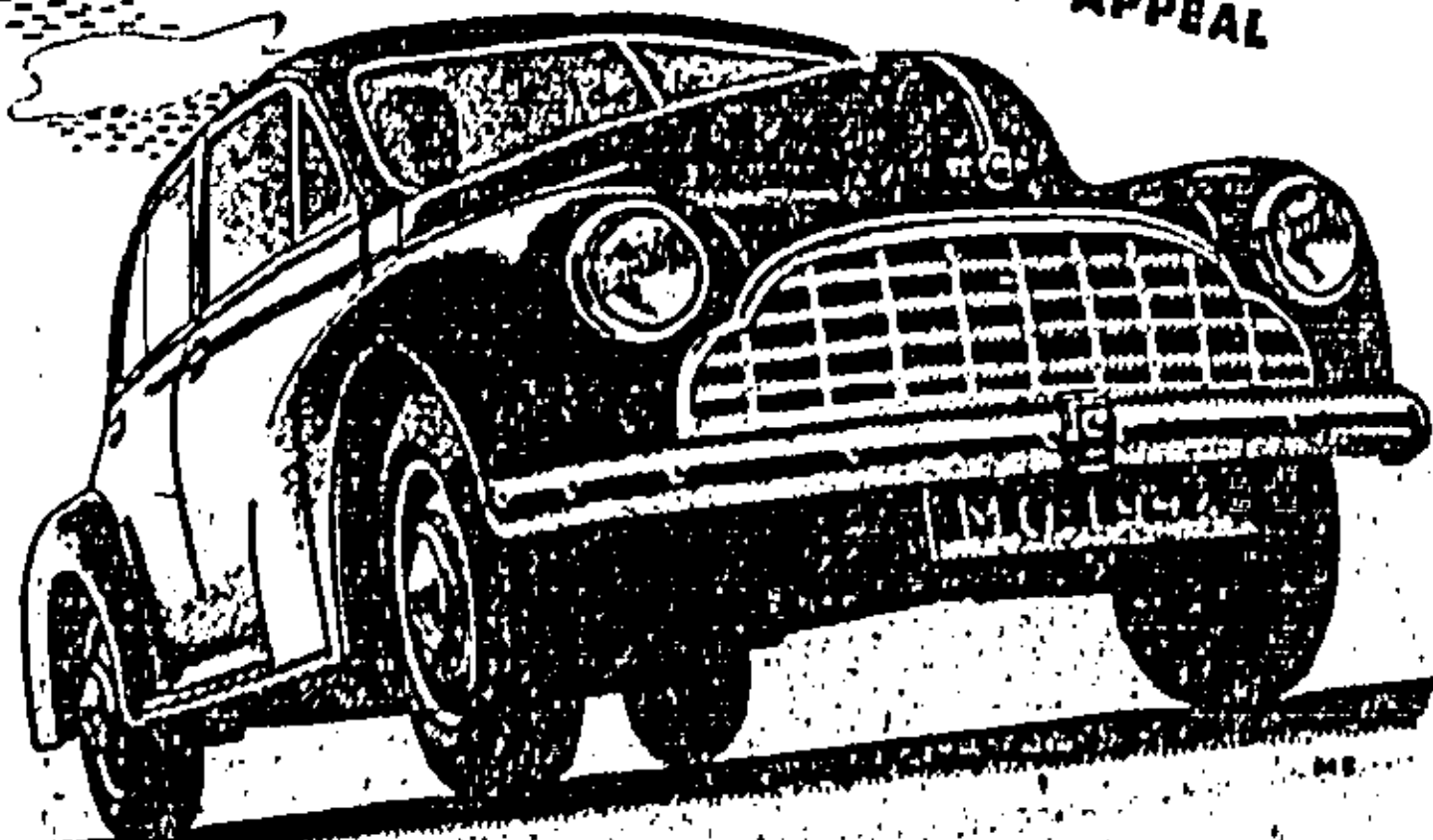
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## MOUNTING GRAVITY OF FRANCO-POLE DISPUTE

Paris, November 25.

France and Poland struck new blows today in a struggle of mounting gravity over mutual charges of espionage and reprisals against each other's citizens.

France expelled 17 Polish citizens, accusing them of spying. They were among a large number of Poles seized yesterday in police raids on main Polish organisations in this country.

Poland replied to the round-up with the warning that it is ready to take such action as it may deem right and necessary if the French do not stop such action.

In a formal note delivered to the French Ambassador in Warsaw, Jean Biezin the Polish Government demanded the release of 11 Polish citizens who, it said, are in custody here. A Warsaw despatch reported the Polish protest just after the Interior Ministry here announced the expulsion of 17 Poles, plainly in reprisal for the arrest of a French diplomat in Poland last week and the expulsion of two others, all accused of spying.

An employee of the Polish Embassy and a member of the Polish Information Service were among those expelled. Others were executives of Polish organisations aided by the Police yesterday.

The police refuse to say whether the expulsions have closed the affair. Security police hint that a sweeping crack-down on aliens from other countries of eastern Europe may follow within a few days.

The Polish note handed to the

French Ambassador in Warsaw accused the French authorities of "brutal repression" of Polish citizens in France.

**Sabotage Activity**  
The Warsaw despatch quoted the note as saying, "The Polish Government protests in the most firm manner against the behaviour of the French authorities. The Polish Government awaits the immediate release of arrested Polish officials and citizens. In lieu of the same, the Government reserves the possibility of taking such steps as it may deem right and necessary."

The French Ministry of the Interior announced that documents seized revealed that the activity of the organisations was directed towards "economic and social sabotage."

"These organisations conducted a lively campaign against the Republican institutions of our country," the communiqué said.

The Poles expelled were driven to the frontier in a bus last night. The official communiqué added that, in all, 24 Poles were questioned.

The Ministry said that the expulsions followed inquiries at the headquarters of the organisations concerned.

These organisations were as follows:  
The National Polish Council; the Organisation of Poles in France; the "Gauwiald" Polish Youth Association; the OPO Association (Assistance To Poland); the BHP Organisation (Polish Scouts); and the Union of Polish Women.

**Two Women**  
The expelled Poles included the following:  
Rajna Kowalski, Editor-in-Chief of the "Gazeta Polska" in Paris; and a member of the OPO; Madame Marta Moloczek, whose task, according to the Ministry of the Interior, was to keep under surveillance Polish hostile to the present Warsaw Government.

The present President of the National Polish Council; Madame Lucie Belinbrecht, Secretary General of the Union of Polish Women; Eljiaz Szurek, employee of the Polish Embassy; Nicolas Kaplan, member of the Polish Information Bureau; and Joseph Czekak, Secretary-General of the National Council of Poles in France.

The French Ministry of Foreign Affairs announced that M. Maurice Riviere, French Consul in Stettin, has been recalled for consultations.

A Ministry spokesman said that the recall followed the publication in two Polish newspapers of a letter purporting to be from M. Riviere and referring to M. Andre Robineau, French consular official who was arrested as he was about to board a Paris plane at Warsaw Airport, as a "Paris urchin."—United Press and Reuters.

## UN REJECTION OF SOVIET RUSSIA'S "PEACE PLAN"

Lake Success, November 25.

The United Nations rejected decisively today a Soviet Russian peace plan which carried a clause accusing the United States and Britain of preparing a third world war.

Then, by 53 votes to 5, the United Nations approved an American-British programme for peace.

The margin for the American-British proposal was the biggest the West has ever received in the U.N. on a major question.

The Russian bloc of five stood alone against it and Yugoslavia abstained.

The heart of the Soviet Foreign Minister, Andrei Y. Vyshinsky's proposal was knocked out 41 to 9 in the 59-Nation Political Committee. Arab Yemen alone voted with the Moscow group in favour of a section calling on the United States, Britain, France, China and the Soviet Union to draw up a pact of peace. The first will be renewed finally in the Assembly proper, but there is no prospect of a change in the voting.

Mr. Vyshinsky's attack on Britain and America, in the first paragraph of his resolution, was beaten by 52 votes to 4, with Yemen and Yugoslavia abstaining. Some delegates interpret the Committee vote as a personal blow at Mr. Vyshinsky, who has bitterly attacked the British and Americans as preparing for a new war and then, almost in the same breath, called on them to swear to a new peace pact among the big five powers—the Soviet Union, France, Britain, the United States and China.

to settle disputes by peaceful means, to co-operate for the regulation of conventional armaments and to give up some of their national sovereignty to set up effective international control of atomic energy.

Mr. Vyshinsky regarded his proposal as the most important before the U.N. Assembly. Also, he claimed, it was the only one.

President Quirino said the Philippines would not discriminate against foreign capital as long as it is willing to obey the regulations and laws.

Recently, Philippine Consul officials reported that a large amount of Chinese capital removed to Hong Kong for safety from the Chinese Communists was seeking investment in the Philippines.

It was the first recorded welcome there to foreign capital, especially Chinese, since many Filipinos have expressed the fear that Chinese would have a political effect on the infant Republic. It was stressed that Chinese investments must be in industries designed to build the Philippines economy.—Associated Press.

**Expression Of Confidence**  
They see the heavy vote for the West as an expression of confidence from the small and medium countries, and endorsement of plans by Mr. Warren R. Austin of the United States and Britain's Mr. Hector McNell for the Russians to roll up their iron curtain and co-operate with the rest of the world.

For the second time in three days, a UN majority beat down a Soviet demand for the UN to approve a Moscow-style programme for atomic control.

On Wednesday, the General Assembly meeting in London defeated a Soviet proposal for the 11-National Atomic Energy Commission to resume work and draw up two atomic conventions proposed by the Soviet Union.

The Political Committee, the main body of the General Assembly, then today beat down a Russian statement in the peace pact plan, saying any further delay in banning atomic bombs and establishing "appropriate strict international control" would be inadmissible.

The vote on this paragraph was 38 to 5, with 10 nations abstaining.

**Anglo U.S. Plan**  
There were only three sections of the Russian resolution. Since it had been defeated paragraph by paragraph, no vote on the whole proposal was taken.

With the Soviet resolution out of the way, the Committee began a paragraph by paragraph vote on the American-British programme.

Every paragraph of the long resolution was approved by 80 votes or more, with Mr. Vyshinsky's bloc abstaining on some counts, and voting against others.

The American-British proposal amounts to re-affirmation of the UN Charter. In its key sections, it calls on UN members to take part in all of the work of the UN; to restrain use of the veto in the Security Council (where Russia has vetoed 41 majority decisions);

## Extensive Floods In Cherbourg

Cherbourg, November 25. High tide, rain and Channel winds combined today to maroon several thousand Cherbourg residents in three feet of flood water.

City officials called it the gravest flood crisis here in 40 years, although no one is in immediate danger.

The main problem, said the authorities, is feeding the thousands of people living in low-lying waterfront districts who have fled to the upper stories of their homes.

The flood rose when rain fed rivers met high Channel tides and flowed into the streets. Winds near gale proportions whipped the Channel outside the city and forced more water into the inundated areas.—Associated Press.

## PI "YES" TO HK CAPITAL

Manila, November 26.

President Elpidio Quirino and his Cabinet last night approved the entry of a group of Chinese businessmen from Hong Kong who want to make a survey with a view to investing in Philippine industries.

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**AUSSIE AID FOR PI**  
Sydney, November 25. The Australian Red Cross today flew the first of six tons of rice to typhoon victims in the Philippines. Another 12 tons will be shipped by boat next month.

A typhoon, which struck the Philippines on November 1, left more than 500 dead and more than 450 missing.—Associated Press.

**ATTLEE TO TAKE OVER AT FO**  
London, November 25. Mr. Clement Attlee, the Prime Minister, will have charge of the Foreign Office when the Foreign Minister, Mr. Ernest Bevin, leaves tomorrow for a fortnight's holiday on the South Coast.

The Minister of State, Mr. Hector McNell, who normally deputises for Mr. Bevin, is attending the United Nations meeting at Lake Success.—Reuters.

London, November 25. Jose Romero, newly-appointed Philippine Minister to Britain, today paid a courtesy call on the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, at the Foreign Office.—United Press.

## UNION BACKS WAGE POLICY

London, November 25. Britain's second largest trade union, the 800,000-strong Municipal and General Workers Union, tonight announced its support of the new Trades Union Congress policy of wage restraint.

This was the first significant reaction since the General Council of the TUC appealed to its followers last Wednesday to work for their present wages until for January 1951, unless the cost of living rose by more than five per cent.—Reuters.

Washington, November 25. Margaret Truman today quipped reports that she might announce her engagement soon. The President's daughter, it made it clear at a Press conference that she preferred an operative career to romance.—United Press.

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# THE POET STARVED IN GARRET FULL OF JEWELS

By SUPT. ROBERT FABIAN

The thief crouched among shadows, his pockets bulging with stolen jewels. His heart throbbed like a septic thumb.

It was August 25, 1933. Distastfully, Big Ben struck 2 a.m. The thief was in one of the top galleries of the old National Geological Museum in Jermyn street, London.

Two elderly night watchmen moved among the great vaulted pillars of the museum's main chamber. They had heard a movement and were moving suspiciously, uneasily.

One showcase contained nearly two hundred precious stones. Uncut diamonds like yellow pebbles, sapphires, emeralds, opals, zircons, knobs of crude gold, rough nuggets veined with platinum.

To the museum's learned scientists they had no deeper interest than the iron pyrites or chalky bauxite in nearby cabinets along the galleries.

But their lure had tempted a thief. And now the stolen treasures bulged his pockets like a boy's hoard of marbles, clinked as he scurried on hands and knees from one shadow to another.

At last the watchmen descended the stairways, stood talking in the main hall, vast as a train shed. Their voices echoed blurredly among the high galleries. Then the lights clicked out, one after another. Now only dusty moonlight slanted through the tall, thin, cathedral-like windows, picking out crags of moulded stone squinting like mute giants in a lunar world.

The thief stretched aching knees. The thief took 100 Gems.

It was a tranquil, hazy summer day as I walked next morning into Marylebone police head quarters. The station sergeant looked up amiably. Suddenly the teleprinter clattered.

The sergeant stretched over, ripped off the message, passed it over.

"Watch all the No. 1 thieves and screwmen—the usual cat-and-mouse game of waiting for the betraying postcard word, the sudden wealth, the diamond-crusted girl friends."

Most of the missing stones were uncut pebbles. Some diamonds, sapphires and opals had been partly trimmed, like half-peeled apples.

To the ordinary eye they would seem almost worthless. Only an expert would recognise their value. Or a lapidary—a jeweller, accustomed to handling rough stones.

Or maybe some drifting adventurer who had worked in a foreign diamond field long enough to tell a gem from a flint.

Questions Would Be Asked.

That was an idea. I couldn't see any expert geologists stealing the collection. Nor lapidaries, who not only made high wages but were for the most part disturbingly honest.

Yet whoever stole the jewels would need to get them cut and polished before their real value became apparent. And there were not many lapidaries in London indifferent enough to handle half-cut gems without asking awkward questions, reporting to the police.

But there were one or two who might. Like Dutchy, Amsterdam Hans and the little Venetian who worked in the West End. To these three skilled but notoriously broadminded craftsmen a man might well bring questionable stones.

It seemed worth paying them a visit. But I did not go to their workrooms. I went to the taverns where they did their habitual drinking. They were not happy to see me.

"Big jewel robbery at the Geological Museum," he said. "And apparently not a clue."

The teleprinter clattered again, listing the stolen stones: diamonds, opals, sapphires, beryls, zircons, gold nuggets, gem tourmalines, chrysoprase—about a hundred stones.

Nobody had seen the thief enter or leave the museum. It was not until daylight that cleaners noted the jeweller's show case, saw how its locks had been neatly snapped off, its contents pilaged.

Weeks passed. No clues were found. It seemed an expert job. So Yard men had been closely

"For any particular zing you was looking, earl?" asked Amsterdam Hans with false joviality.

I Got The Tip-Off.

"I want to buy some cheap uncut precious stones," I said. He relaxed. "Ah, so?"

"Or some half-cut ones," I added, thoughtfully. Hans gulped his drink. Dutchy, that other plump little lapidary, wiped hands that had begun to sweat, and after a moment excused himself and trotted away.

"I suppose the best place to buy them would be from a South African—somebody who'd picked

men at Bayswater as they began to assemble outside the local Labour Exchange. It was mine. An unshaven face rising above a frayed collar.

Across the road waited that skilful shadower, Detective-Sergeant George Keen.

The queue shuffled nearer the counter. Each time it came close to my turn, I slipped away and rejoined the tail. I was waiting for the South African—described by the little mark as being about 33 years old, with darkish skin, a mop of black hair "like a porcupine's mullet," and a once-good, now threadbare blue suit.

Then I saw him. He came up to the queue absorbed in a book. He didn't look up as I slipped into place just behind him. I peeped over his shoulder. He was reading the poems of Omar Khayyam.

His swarthy face was studious and half-starved. I was puzzled. He did not look like a professional thief.

The shabby procession inched wearily up to the counter. As he signed for his dole I peered over his shoulder again, glimpsed and remembered his name and address.

I did not follow the South African. From my eye-corner I could see George Keen moving off on his tail. I knew that wherever the man went, thither would George go.

The 'Chairs' Were Orange-Boxes.

The address I had memorised was in a shabby district. I had left a suitcase of more respectable clothes in a public lavatory. I washed hastily, scrubbed my nails, changed thankfully into "rip-rip" shirt and clean suit, polished up my shoes.

Then I hurried to the house. The door was answered by a pale, worried little woman, her thin arms sagging under the weight of a young child.

I raised my hat. "Is this the house where you've been having trouble with damp walls, madam?" I asked.

She showed me in. Bare wooden floors. The curtains were sacks and brown paper. The solitary table had been mended with bits of firewood. The chairs were orange boxes, spread with newspaper. A rickety old wardrobe stood in a corner. It had no door. There were no clothes in it, not even a spare frock or a coat. And it was October.

In another orange box propped against the wall were three chipped cups, a couple of plates, a knife, two forks and a few spoons. A loaf of bread and some margarine in paper, a small packet of tea and a little blue sugar bag.

This—the home of a man who had stolen nearly a hundred precious jewels? It did not look like it. But I pulled one of the orange boxes towards the shabby wardrobe and climbed up within.

The woman stood, equally silent, and watched me, still holding her baby.

The child began to cry softly. She stopped to comfort it. I ran my fingers along the top of the wardrobe. There was a piece of cretonne... it seemed to have little pebbly bumps under it.

"I'm sorry," I said "but I am a detective and I have reason to believe these are the jewels stolen from the Geological Museum."

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## BRITAIN'S FUTURE KING

Prince Charles, the child who will one day wear the Crown of England and who celebrated his first birthday earlier in the month, has thrown off his affectionate but undefined identity as a "baby" and has emerged as a personality in his own right.

Good going for any one-year-old, and Prince Charles seemed to have it from the start—an innate ability to be just the happy, normal and entirely lovable child Britons hoped and expected him to be. The pattern of his small, uneventful life is a happy one, warm in affection.

The little lad has boisterous energy, and a general tendency to make a fine old noise in it, keeping with his essentially masculine appearance. He is a proper boy. His parents both took a firm view about Little Lord Fauntleroy curls, and as soon as his thick hair began to grow long he was given a boy cut, well-trimmed from his brow.

He is reported to be "a good baby" and he sleeps well. Like most modern children, he was given semi-solids to supplement his milk diet when he was only a few months old, and now he has well-varied meals of fruit, cereal, vegetables and plenty of milk and fruit juice. The Princess sees that the orange juice and vitamins supplied on his green ration book are collected.

With the King's illness and the additional public duties it has meant for her, Princess Elizabeth has had to be away from her home many times during her baby's first year, but nearly all her spare time is spent with him.

Almost every fine afternoon the smallest of Royal entourage can be seen leaving Clarence House and making its way, at its own leisurely pace, towards Green Park in the heart of London.

It consists of two soberly uniformed nurses, a detective, a shaggy white terrier, a fox-haired little boy who is Prince Richard of Gloucester, and, in his high, open pram, Prince Charles.

The Londoners, the elderly housekeepers and club retainers who work in this area, pause just a moment, look back, smile and then move on about their business. No need to stare: after all, they've seen Royal babies going to the Park for two generations now. His mother did. Let the little fellow have his own life while he can.

He wears little white buster suits, light slippers and plain, serviceable woollies, usually in white.

His high-buttoned cardigan is now a best-seller, with mothers in America, where they call it "Prince Charles's lumber jacket."

For his outing in the park he has given up woollies, and has a new double-breasted winter coat in fine white velour. He also has a furry white rug on his pram for colder days, but so far he has not worn a hat.

Although it is naturally too early to say whether he has a liking for music, radio music certainly amuses him, and sometimes he does little jigging movements when he is listening to it. Recently Princess Elizabeth said she attended her first children's

concert at the age of six. She thought Prince Charles might start when he is five.

He is fascinated by the band at military parades and likes to watch the soldiers in their bright uniforms. Another colourful, though mundane thing invariably holds his attention: the ordinary red London omnibus. He likes to get as near to a main road as



PRINCE CHARLES

possible in order to watch them going by.

It is, of course, somewhat early for his parents to plan his education: since a certain amount might well depend upon any inclinations he may show as to a career for his early manhood years. If he should show any liking for the sea it would certainly please his father and grandfather. But it looks as though, at the moment, if he were asked, he might say he would like to be a bus driver.

He will almost certainly attend a school where he will have to mix with other boys and hold his own in the rough-and-tumble of school life. Because of this his parents are determined that he shall grow into a normal, unprecocious boy, unspoiled by too much limelight. He will never be asked to do anything which an ordinary child of similar age might not reasonably be expected to do.

This is in the interests of the Prince's own character, and also because Princess Elizabeth remembers with gratitude her own private, family, life.

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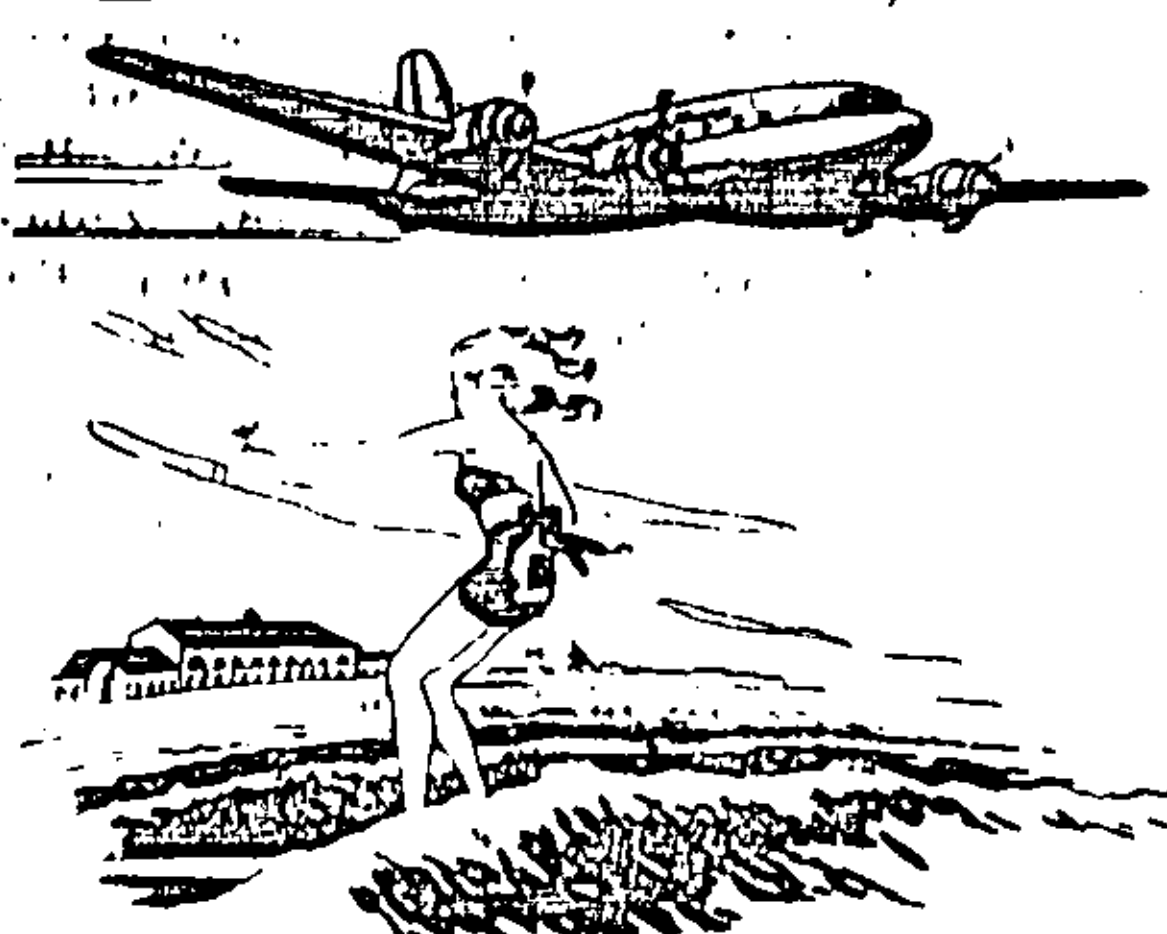
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**THE SHADOW PLAY**

The United Nations has done far more practical work than the organisation is ever given credit for. It has been even more productive than the old League of Nations. Too much else has happened, and is still happening, to make an inquest on the past in China of any real use. It was perhaps necessary, merely as counter-propaganda, to show that the Russian pot was at least as black as the much-abused American kettle.

The Americans gave great aid to the Nationalists, and not necessarily because they were just that but because they were the recognised Government, and an ally in the war. The Americans would have been much happier if they had succeeded in their prolonged efforts to mediate and bring the two rival Parties together in a really solid, united Government. But the Russians also made it possible for the Communists to take over vast quantities of Japanese arms and equipment. They hardly needed to make much use of them in order to acquire, in due course, most of the equipment supplied to the Nationalists by the United States.

It was also necessary no doubt, just to keep the balance even and the record straight, to bring up Russian indifference, or worse, to the Treaty of Friendship signed with the Nationalist Government of China in 1945. That Government is passing out of history pathetically and ignominiously. Yet, though it was dismissed so insultingly by Mr. Vyshinsky, it was the Government which the Soviet Embassy followed, even in its extremity, to Canton only a few months ago.

Many will feel about the Kuomintang as a whole very much as Carlyle felt about the Girondins. The general body of the Party, in the early days of the Nationalist Revolution at least, were "men of parts, of decent behaviour." In their time they represented a tide in China's affairs no less important than the present. They stood first and last for Nationalism and the destruction of special rights and concessions. The other two principles they talked about but never put into practice. There was no real democracy in China under the Kuomintang or even within the Party. We have yet to see how much there will be under the Communists, and on this scepticism will probably be wise.

It is the third principle, that of the livelihood of the people, by which the Communists will be judged in the event and at the bar of destiny. If they are to make any real headway in the tremendous task of raising the standards of livelihood in China they will have to concentrate upon it to the exclusion of all else. It will make them or break them.

The Nationalists had no easy task in fulfilling their part. But it was child's play to remove the special privileges of foreigners, compared with the immense practical effort required to discharge the task of lifting so vast a people out of the narrow margin of subsistence which has been their lot for so long. The more the new rulers really try to do it, the more will they be entitled to the sympathy of others. But the fall of the Nationalists is a reminder once more that the movement in China is greater than Parties. The Kuomintang was once all-powerful. It goes out with hardly a whimper at home. It stood for "Nationalism" and "little more, and that phrase has

**British Foreign Policy**By Sir DUFF  
COOPER

It is one of the soundest traditions in English public life that the basis of foreign policy should not form a subject of party controversy. The maintenance of this tradition has enabled us, at moments of the most violent internal strife, to astonish our enemies by the unanimity with which we turn upon a foreign foe.

This tradition has been honourably observed by the Opposition under the present Administration. With regard to the main lines of British foreign policy, as enunciated by Government spokesmen, there is little difference of opinion.

**Respect Abroad**

The personality of the Foreign Secretary is one that commands respect, both at home and abroad. He exercises great influence in his own party, and the Opposition would sooner see him than any of his colleagues occupying his present position.

It is felt that not only is his outlook broad and sane, but also that he is of a stature that permits him to play his part with dignity on the great stage of European and World affairs.

When the present Government took office, more than four years ago, it may be assumed that its policy had the closest relations, with the United States; secondly, to get rid of those misunderstandings which were beginning to arise between ourselves and Russia; thirdly, to work for more effective collaboration between the Powers of Europe. And this policy had the general approval of all parties.

In the first of these objectives they have been hampered from the beginning by the programme to which they were committed. For most Americans Socialism is almost as detestable as Communism is for most Englishmen, and a nation of business men find it hard to understand why a country that has got to recapture its markets, increase its production, and reduce its costs should adopt a policy of nationalisation which must increase its difficulties in all these directions.

Devaluation, which the most distinguished living Socialist, Mr. Bernard Shaw, has recently described in these columns as a policy of blinding, has shaken confidence in Great Britain throughout the world, but nowhere so much as in the United States.

With regard to the second objective, it is notorious that since the Labour Party were returned to power Anglo-Soviet relations steadily deteriorated. They could now hardly be worse without open rupture.

**But Not To Blame**

This is not to say that the British Government are to blame. Nor have they ever been blamed

by the Opposition although both Government and Opposition are well aware that had their roles been reversed, had the Conservatives been in office while our relations with Russia had deteriorated to this extent, this

whole blame would have been laid by the Labour Opposition on the Conservative Government.

If the Socialism of our Government made it difficult for us to co-operate with the Americans, and if the Communism of the Russian Government made it difficult for them to co-operate with us, it should surely have appeared plain that our future lay in Europe.

In 1945 there lay in ruins the shattered fragments of those nations that had made the modern world. Never did such a field of potential reconstruction and development present itself.

**Alluring Chance**

To a true statesman the prospect should have seemed so alluring as a huge block of marble would appear to a great sculptor. And to Great Britain, beloved as of right, the leadership in the mighty task that awaited Europeans.

As the only Power which had entered the war voluntarily at the beginning and remained undefeated until the end, her prestige stood highest, and it was inevitable that the eyes of Europe should turn towards her, looking for leadership. It was an opportunity that comes once in a 1000 years. It was an opportunity that has been missed.

Mr. Bevin saw it. He began well. Early in 1947 he signed a Treaty of Alliance with France.

In the summer of the following year he concluded a Five Power Pact which brought the Benelux countries into the picture.

The hopes of those who believed in Europe rose. This was the right thing to do, and this was the right way to do it. Here in North West Europe, just where it should be, was being laid the corner-stone of the temple.

But nothing has come of it. One of those who were concerned with the Treaty of Dunkirk said at the time that it was the end of a chapter it meant nothing, but that it was the beginning of a new chapter, pregnant with possibilities, its importance might be immense.

A Customs union, a common currency, a colonial fusion—these were the kind of dreams that then occupied the minds of men who were not young idealists but practical, experienced politicians.

**Thoughts On Defence**

The House of Lords is at its best in debating national questions, like defence, where discussion is not hampered, as in the Commons, by party considerations, and where experts from many fields can contribute.

Lord Templewood, who initiated the debate, was many years ago a very active and enterprising Air Minister, and he naturally threw the Air Force into the foreground. But the main question affect, in varying degrees, all three defence Services.

One of these is expense. The defence Services are costing Britain now more than they ever have before in time of peace; and at a moment when the cost of government as a whole is oppressively high, financial vigilance can certainly not be depreciated. The qualities of fighting and thrift seldom go together, and the Services, unless watched, are prone to waste both man-power and money.

But to say that is not to justify any retrenchment that conflicts with security. The fact that the Services are spending a great deal raises no presumption that it is too much. There are three perfectly good reasons why they are costly.

One is the depreciation of our money. Each pound has the purchasing power of less than a household. Another is the mechanisation of all our Services, in which every new gadget is a new cost and very few tend to lessen previous expenses. The third is that we are engaged in a cold war with a Great Power, which may force

passed, though there's plenty of Nationalism. It is not imperialism—among its successors, Democracy won't come till the Communists go, but in the meantime they are committed to the economic betterment of the nation. That is what the people expect of them—that is the task they profess above all others. They may have to alter a great many of their own ideas, and many things, on this hard road. But above all they will have to avoid the seduction of easy bypaths, such as anti-foreignism or

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**Never So 'Cool'**

It was then arranged that Anglo-French financial experts should meet at regular intervals to discuss difficulties and to work towards the closer integration of the two economies. Even this little crumb of comfort has been swept away, and a very high French official volunteered recently the opinion that Anglo-French relations had never, since the war, been so "cool" as they are today.

When asked whether this was due to the British failure to inform the French of their intention to devalue, he replied that that was only the last of a series of rebuffs.

If our relations with France are cool, they are very much cooler with Italy, where, it seems, we have been forced to complain of the vilification with which we are assailed in the Press. Meanwhile, with regard to Spain, which Ministers appear to have forgotten, still forms an important part of this small continent. We continue to pursue a policy which is enough to make a sulky schoolboy blush.

The Spanish people may be delighted to see General Franco, but they certainly will not be delighted by Mr. Bevin. There remains one other item in the indictment. During the present Administration a new State has come into being. The Balfour Declaration was the birth certificate of the State of Israel. The one country that failed to welcome its coming-of-age was Great Britain.

**Thrown Away**

Another opportunity has been recklessly thrown away, and the net that the British are the least loved of all foreigners in Israel today is the greatest tragedy that has happened since the war.

Great Britain can never regain the position she once occupied, which was due to causes that no longer exist. But she has been offered another chance.

As the leader of a United Europe and Africa she could still become one of the greatest Powers in the world. But at every step that has been made towards the unification of Europe the British have raised difficulties, so that by the other European Powers Great Britain is now regarded, rightly or wrongly, not as the potential leader but as a permanent stumbling-block.

It is a sad story of efforts wasted, hopes disappointed, chances missed. I have tried to tell it without bias and to abstain from apportioning blame. The Foreign Secretary is a statesman whom I respect, as I do some of his colleagues. But I have here recorded what has happened in British foreign policy during the past four years—and the record is appalling.

**By SCRUTATOR**

They are not numerous enough to do all three, and the present reaction to this of many Regular officers is to resent their employment on (1) as interfering with their availability for (2). The deduction is that, if National Servicemen are abolished or halved, all or half the Regulars employed in training them could increase our professional Army.

For demagogues remain: some such scheme might be accepted, but the solid arguments against it are overwhelming. First, its effect upon our Continental Allies—French, Belgians, and Dutch—would be catastrophic. Second, it would give a much smaller Army, just when what we are needing is a larger one. Third, it would give us a dearer Army, just when what the taxpayer wants is a cheaper one. Fourth, there is no ground for thinking that Regular recruiting would be improved under a system which would greatly reduce the Regular's chance of promotion.

Fifth (and this is possibly the weightiest point of all), where are the reserves? The provision of reserves is always the Achilles heel of professional armies. Our present system, which is based on short service with the colours but that discourages recruiting. The idea of using the Territorials as Army reserves, instead of in their original role as a second-line Army, has certainly not "proved" to be a judge from the Territorial figures.

The next reason why National Service, as it stands, is that the man serves for 18 months only instead of two years. The change was political; it was a surrender by the Government to its backbenchers. Its effect is to reduce the proportion of the soldier's (or sailor's) time during which he is an asset and not a trainee.

At present he cannot give an adequate return for the labour of training him. If the fatal step could be reversed we should soon have enough efficient National Servicemen to dispense almost entirely with separate Regular units. Having a better job and the home, the Regulars would probably recruit better; but even if they did not, the same number spread out over efficient National Servicemen would go much further.

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**Forgotten Army**

By SELBY BRADFORD

For about 18 months now well over a division of British troops have been fighting a war as strenuous and as nerve-racking as many a North West Frontier campaign of the old days.

They are the units of that mixed force which has found its way in troopship or by air to Singapore.

Officially their title is the British Forces in Malaya.

Actually they call themselves "The Great Unknown" for the place of publicity has been withheld from them, even as it was withheld for so long from the Forgotten Army—the 14th—whose name is linked now for ever with Burma.

And yet I doubt if even the fighting in Burma could have produced anything much worse in the nature of discomfort, and sustained apprehension, and the certainty of ever-present danger in lone, dark, places than is the regular lot of this miniature British Army.

**Price In Lives**

It is only when you look up their casualty lists that you realise that "Malay 48-49" may, too, become a battle honour for a score or so of regulars or corps.

In less than a year and a half 17 officers have been killed and six wounded; losses among other ranks are, or were in mid-October, 98 killed and 108 wounded.

In return, 870 bandits, Communist trained and disciplined, are known to have been killed and 600 captured.

It is not the figures themselves that make one think; it is the knowledge that almost every action has been fought in the loneliness of jungle warfare.

Nature, with her protective screen of swamps, leeches, insects, and venom, her impenetrable undergrowth through which every yard forward must be cut by machete, and her ferals and tempestuous climate, provides the barbed wire, the Teller mines, and the booby-traps of this form of "deserted" warfare.

**Unseen Enemy**

And always supporting nature is a climate so moist in-hat that at a daily average temperature of 85deg, the human body, however fit, pours out sweat like an oil gusher.

Beyond everything, too, is the knowledge that at any moment, anywhere, in the reasoned safety of a battalion's "peace-line" situation, or at the most outward outpost of a patrol's penetration, death or mutilation may come to you from an unseen hand or an unknown weapon.

It is not, moreover, as if this minor war was being waged against the docility of these campaigns of early Burma days.

It is being conducted against a very virile, well-trained and tutored army infiltrated into a country comparable in size to England, and disciplined, led, and controlled by a supreme Communist headquarters.

Their intelligence is first rate, their hardness and their courage, certainly of those who are indoctrinated Communists, are as fanatical as those of the followers of the Mahdi.

**Back They Go**

Today, thanks to the phlegm and the unswerving purpose of British, Malayan, and Gurkha soldiers, they are slowly being driven back to the Malayan borders, while their essential milita-

ry supplies, such as ammunition, are falling short.

A few weeks ago the 3rd Battalion of the Grenadier Guards came back to London after a year's service in Malaya. Except for wives and families, there were no crowds to meet them; no demonstrative welcome.

But all of them had done at least four months of solid patrolling through areas as big as Norfolk or Suffolk, had lived mainly on rice for that time, swallowed little but swamp water made drinkable by decontamination tablets, and had burnt a dozen or so leeches off their limbs daily.

**First-Hand Story**

"In the words of one of them: 'No matter who he is, the man on patrol finds the jungle hard going. The creepers, strong and flexible, trip him. If his patience fails and he pushes forward quickly, he is at once picked by long thin thorns. Apart from these annoyances, he has to contend with hornets and bees. Their nests are never seen until it is too late.'

"Hornets may sting, but at least they do not fasten themselves to the skin like leeches and centipedes. Red ants are easy to deal with. But they fall from the trees in tens or hundreds and they bite when they land."

"Finally, there is the need for observation. Bandits are hardly products of nature as are leeches. But they need attention 24 hours of the day."

In the words of another: "If you are asking about wounded, take a patrol by the Colaba barracks on which they ran into a spot of trouble. The leading scout was wounded in the chest, but the bullet was deflected by a rib and did not do much damage. The M.O. was with that patrol—penicillin and plasma were dropped by air—and after a few days the wounded man was able to finish the course on his feet in what was said officially to be a very creditable effort on his part."

And that is happening all the time. To seven or eight British infantry regiments, to the Gurkha and Malay regiments, to the members of every corps in the Service, not forgetting those very gallant comforters of the sick—spiritual and physical—the Army chaplains of all denominations.

**In The Van**

"It is worthy of record (first on one of the most glorious and longest of all patrols undertaken by the Grenadiers a certain chaplain—he would, I believe, excommunicate me were I to mention his name—was in the van all the time, his presence forward, when you consider it carefully, was very necessary."

An author who was a soldier and had fought in Burma in the 80's wrote in the early days of this century:

"There are English graves at Telumyo. The rough wooden crosses are hidden in the tangled growth of grass and briar, and the rudely carved inscriptions are moss-grown and hard to read."

"As for Upper Burma they are scattered, these graves of Englishmen who lived and fought and died a very few short years ago, but are already long forgotten."

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## A THOUSAND MINUS ONE

If you were brought up on the "Arabian Nights," then prepare for a shock.

According to a fragment of paper just discovered in a collection of Egyptian papyri, there were only a Thousand and One and not a Thousand and One as you learnt at your mother's knee.

The historic "fragment," believed to be 1,150 years old, has been bought by the University of Chicago and for the past few weeks Miss Nabila Abbot, a professor at the Oriental Institute, has been ruthlessly challenging one of the world's most cherished stories.

According to Miss Abbot, the title page of the ancient manuscript reads: "A Book of Tales from a Thousand Nights." Nor does she leave any doubt that the original title was intended and not a misprint.

The change in name to "A Thousand and One Nights" maintains the professor, was probably the result of an Arabian superstition about round numbers. Whatever the importance of the fragment in the eyes of the University of Chicago, however, nursery libraries of the future will reflect little of it.

"A Thousand and One Nights" has been since the first books were published and even Miss Abbot admits that it will take more than a fragment of history to change the title now.

### Royal Painting

The Grenadier Guards will soon be the proud possessors of a new painting of Princess Elizabeth who is their Colonel-in-Chief. The Princess has just completed sittings for the portrait for Commander Denis Fildes.

A son of the famous artist, the late Sir Luke Fildes, he already has to his credit two handsome portraits of the King.

In her new portrait, which has been specially commissioned for the Guards, Princess Elizabeth is wearing a cream satin evening dress with the blue sash of the Order of the Garter and a diamond tiara.

The first sittings for the portrait were at Buckingham Palace. When the Princess moved into Clarence House, Commander Fildes continued his work there.

### Royal Red

Women members of the Royal family are never anxious to set fashions, but the attractive clothes which they wear, or small, smart ideas which they adopt, are quite frequently copied and become very popular.

Just now dressmakers are finding that there is a demand for red, and the Queen appeared at a London theatre wearing a lovely red gown which suited her to perfection. In the ordinary way her Majesty chooses soft pastel shades for evening wear and has always been fond of pale grey and pale blue for the day, but, Princess Margaret, she decided upon this delightful clear red for dinner and theatre wear. With her ropes of pearls as ornament and a mink coat worn well back on her shoulders while she watched the play, she was a figure of charm.

The reaction on the part of women admirers was immediate and a good deal of red is likely to be seen in ballrooms, drawing-rooms and theatre foyers for the next few months.

### Growing Comeliness

It would probably be true to say that Leicester Square shines with Times Square, New York, and the Place de la Concorde, Paris, the distinction of being the most celebrated square in the world. During the war it became a vast air raid shelter, and it is only now, with workmen swarming over the garden centre-piece, that its pre-war comeliness is being restored.

Many notables have lived here and hereabouts. It was here that John Hunter, who gave his name to the Royal College of Surgeons' anatomical museum, brought together in his great house his collection of oddities. It included the skeleton of the Giant O'Brien.

The collection was bequeathed to the Royal College, but during the war one might see, piled with bomb rubble, bits and pieces of bone blown from the museum.

Hunter was reported to have offered O'Brien a good price for his carcass, but this rather scared the Irish giant, and he gave instructions that he was to be buried three miles out at sea. Hunter, however, got wind of this and eventually secured the body.

### Not All So Grim

But not all of Leicester Square's associations are so grim. In the earliest days of Queen Victoria there flourished a curious art gallery (now a cinema) where Miss Mary Linwood housed her unique collection of pictures worked with the needle, a sort of Madame Tussaud's in silk and wool.

Sir Joshua Reynolds painted more than 50 of his finest portraits here.

Now Leicester Square attractions are more brassy. It is the home of "variety," cinema and billiards and it is also the home of London's theatrical social centre, the Green Room Club.

London is happy to see Leicester Square preen itself once more, in readiness for the spring of next year.

### Stamps And Art

Buying postage stamps in Henley-on-Thames post office is always a pleasure. On the walls of the public office and the head postmaster's room are 17th century paintings, Italian work reflecting the style of Pietro Tim-

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posts. Originally these attractive oil paintings were hung in Lady Place, Henley, the Elizabethan mansion home of the cavalier Lord Lovelace of Henley.

When Lady Place was demolished in 1837, the paintings were removed to a house at Henley-on-Thames. In 1910 this house was sold to the Government on condition that the pictures must always hang in the building, even though it was proposed to use it as a post office.

Restoration of the paintings has just been completed after an interruption caused by the war.

### Return To London

"Colonel Britton," the man who made the V-sign a symbol of victory, all over America to take is returning with the BBC over a big job with the BBC.

He is Mr. D. E. Ritchie, who is handling over his post as director of the press and radio division of the British Information Services in New York, to become organiser of the BBC General Overseas Service in London.

One of "Colonel Britton's" most successful propaganda hints was that people in German-occupied countries should tap the V-signal on their tables in cafes whenever a German entered. The idea caught on and spread widely.

It was not until 1946 that his identity, as director of the European News Department, was disclosed.

Ritchie, who is said to have one of the most persuasive voices in radio, was the official broadcaster of the Supreme Allied Command's orders to Europe during 1944-45.

### Festival Souvenirs

The Council of Industrial Design have appointed a "souvenir specialist" to their staff with an eye to the 1951 Festival of Britain. They think it is time for manufacturers to begin preparing designs for festival souvenirs.

To stimulate a bigger and better selection than Britain can offer at the moment, the Council is to display an assortment of 150 Continental souvenirs in London next month—hand-picked articles showing national character, high grade workmanship and fresh ideas.

The collection will include brooches with Viking designs from Denmark, which will also send a scarf decorated with pages from Hans Anderson's fairy-tales. Sweden will contribute a miniature barge complete with oarsmen and a bottle container made of wood shavings, while from Switzerland will come a bird whistle fashioned from a birch twig.

### Quake Year?

The latest speculative theory now being discussed in pseudo-scientific circles is whether 1950 is likely to be notable for seismic disturbances in this country.

The basis on which this intriguing speculation is founded appears to be the undoubted fact that the last severe earthquake shocks recorded in the British Isles, which up to now have so fortunately been off the earthquake belt, occurred in 1750.

The suggestion is that seismic history may repeat itself at regular intervals of two centuries. Personally, one is not allowing these haggard possibilities to upset one's nerves unduly, because of all the spasmodic and irresponsible phenomena imaginable, surely earthquakes are the most unaccountable. Yet in 1750 were ordering special warm "earthquake gowns"—just in case they had to camp out in the street!

### A Best-Seller

"The Threshold of Marriage," a book which has been handed to over a quarter of a million couples married at services of the Church of England, has now been completely revised and re-written in the light of present-day pre-

world's best-seller on marriage. This book covers the whole field of domestic relations and is quotable in every chapter. In view of the fuss there has been of late in the matter of sharing incomes and a wife's "legal entitlement," it is worth recording the view of the Church of England.

"Salaries and wages should be considered as belonging to husband and wife jointly, though both should have a personal allowance, however small, to be spent just how they wish. Where the wife is also earning, her wages should be treated just as her husband's are."

### Naming The Product

If the enterprising Americans had their way, bottles of "Scotch" whisky, which earn us dollars, might be labelled with the Stars and Stripes, or described as a "Joe Brooklyn" special.

The U.S. business man, alive to the selling value of "real Scotch," has on several occasions suggested that well-known brand labels might be replaced. Many New York stories would like to see whisky names on the Scotch product.

The case reported by Mr. Eric Johnson, U.S. film chief, of the Scottish distiller who refused an American firm's request for special labelling and bottling, is not an isolated one. It has happened before.

Mr. Johnson has chided the Scots for their lack of enterprise. What he forgets, however, is that this country is spending money markets and goodwill in Scotch whisky. The distillers know that if their familiar labels vanished it would not be long before the goodwill did likewise.

### Nuts And Forms

This story—one hopes purely apocryphal—is currently going the rounds of London.

Four American air mechanics were discussing with four of their opposite numbers from Britain how long it would take to assemble an aircraft from scratch and have it flying.

"Well," said one of the Americans, "I guess if we had the assembly lines rolling we could do the job in, say, four days." Their challenge was accepted by the British. Great excitement prevailed. Two or three hours before the time limit was up the Americans were interviewed and asked for a progress report. "We're doing well," they said, "only four more nuts to tighten."

and the plane's ready to take off. The British were asked for a progress report. "We've only four more forms to fill in," they said, "and we are ready to begin."

### Closer Liaison

I understand that Mr. Bovin, Mr. Dean Acheson and Mr. Robert Schuman—Foreign Ministers of the Big Three Western Powers—who have been conferring in Paris—are planning to hold regular meetings.

Although these "got-togethers" may be awkward to fit into the extremely busy Ministers, it is felt that they are warranted by the speedier results obtained in the past, when such consultations took place.

The important policy decisions likely to be required of the Western Powers for some time to come also make it desirable that their Foreign Ministers should regularly take counsel together.

It is probable that these meetings will develop into a kind of high political council of the Western world, a parallel to the Anglo-American-French military standing committee of the Atlantic Pact, to the French, always sensitive on the score of security, this would be a reassurance that they will be fully associated in the building up of Europe's new order.

### Bigger U.S. Bombers For Britain

The American Third Air Division, based on these islands, will soon be entirely re-equipped with B-50 bombers and perhaps with some glant B-36 bombers as well.

At the moment the division comprises one B-50 group and two of B-29's—a total of about 90 aircraft. Of these, the B-29, the original "Super Fortress," is now regarded by the Americans as obsolete as a front-line strategic bomber and its future role is to be limited to tactical bombing and training.

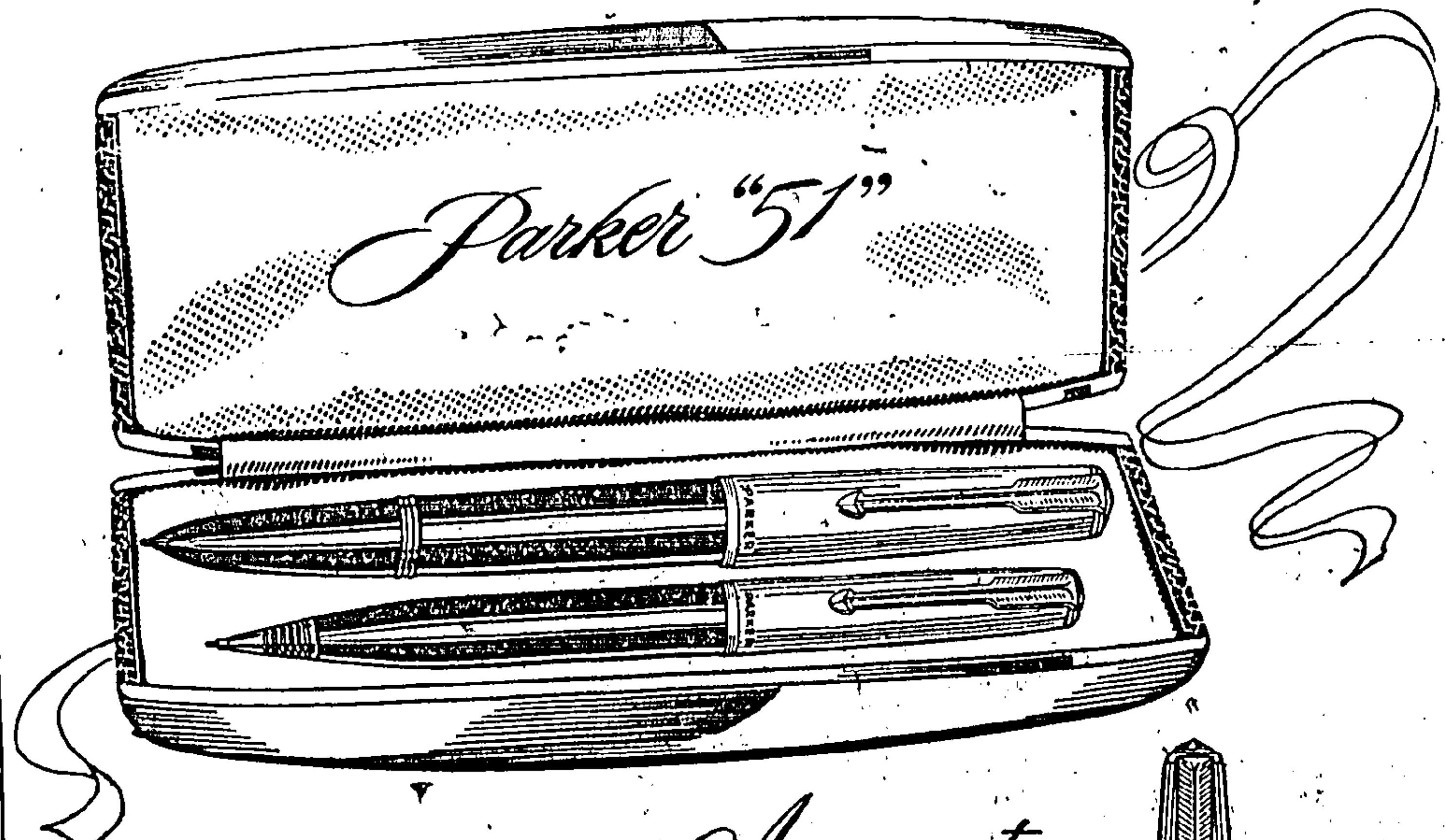
The B-50, a development of the B-29, came into general service in the United States. Air Force during the concluding stages of the war, being designed specially as an atom-bomb carrier. The B-50 is a further development of the B-29, its chief advantage being that it can deliver its bomb-load to any part of the world and then return to base without having to land for refuelling.

The impression among American airmen in this country is that U.S. bombers and crews will be here for at least another five years.



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# CAMPAIGN IN MALAYA MAY LAST FOR YEARS

## BRITISH TRIBUTE TO JEWS' LEADER

London, November 25. The independent weekly, "Spectator," today paid a tribute to Dr. Chaim Weizmann, President of Israel. Saying that Dr. Weizmann was a great man, the article recalled that little more than a year ago it would have been possible to say "a great Englishman" but the establishment of the State of Israel had cut the formal links which bound him to his original country of adoption.

"It was fitting that Englishmen of all creeds should have united on the occasion of his 75th birthday to pay their respects to a statesman whose sympathies have always been frankly with Britain though his origins and his home are in the East," the article said.

"It was fitting also that General Jan Smuts, who has much in common with Dr. Weizmann besides friendship, should have been present to lead the congratulations."

"But in all the celebrations there must be one note of recognition. Dr. Weizmann is President of Israel and though through age and illness his office is as much honorary as active he can not isolate his reputation from the deeds of the Israel Government."

"These have already shown a considerable watering-down from Zionism's pioneering idealism. In the inevitable days of struggle ahead, when Israel is poised between nationalism and moderation, it is to be hoped that Dr. Weizmann will still have some influence and that this will be used to counsel sanity to his fellow citizens." Reuter.

## Fat Man Dies While On Fast

Birmingham, Alabama, November 25. Percy Coplan, in the third day of his planned 10-day fast to shed excessive weight—died here early today. He fell in the bathroom of his home about midnight and died 20 minutes later.

The 52-year-old round man, who had complained that he could not resist the temptation of his wife's cooking around the house, mounted a 30-foot high pole on September 1. He said at the time that he would stay aloft except for exercise periods until December 2, but last Monday when he came down for his brief routine he had dizzy and blind spells. He decided to slay on the ground and they passed.

He had been existing on orange juice, water, lemon flavoured and epsom salts.

When he started his fast, Coplan tipped the scale at 357 pounds but had cut himself down to 247 pounds at the time of his death. —United Press.

## RED ARMY POST IN IRAN

Teheran, November 25. A high military source today confirmed that the Russian Army has a post on Iranian soil at the Kavir Khoran oil fields near Barmian, 182 miles North East of Teheran.

The source said that the post consists of three or four Red Army soldiers and some Soviet officials.

Iran has protested many times to have the soldiers removed, he said, so far without result. —Associated Press.

Singapore, November 26. Exasperated British officers battling against the Communists in Central Malaya believe that the jungle war may last for years—as long as the guerrillas retain their political incentive and their bullets hold out.

"That is why I pin my hopes of an early end to the 'emergency' on empty gun magazines," said one authority.

All competent observers here recognise that militant Communism, though now backed by active guerrilla bands estimated at only 3,000 to 5,000 men, is still a formidable force in Malaya.

The powerful political core at the centre appears to be determined to keep the revolt going as long as the Communist tide continues to flow in China.

One senior British official said that the Communist leaders, all of Chinese origin, are thought to be hanging on so tenaciously because they hope a favourable international turn will soon enable them to resume the offensive.

Though British sources say that the Communist successes in China have so far had little effect in swinging the sympathies of the Chinese in Malaya, Chinese must be bound to hope a powerful front in a country where 2,500,000 of the 6,000,000 population are Chinese.

Thus there might be a dramatic change of heart if Britain recognises the Chinese Communist Party and the Chinese and Malayan Communist parties are able to link up.

### Incredible war

Some 14,000 British and Malay troops and 13,000 police are hunting the organised leftist gangs in Malaya today, according to official figures. But numbers are no criterion in this incredible war in which a small group of guerrillas using the jungle expertly, can defy a combination of troops equipped with modern, armoured cars and heavy tanks and with strong air support.

Supporting the Communists is the "People's Army," which consists of tens of thousands of food suppliers, agents, collectors of "contributions" to the Party and couriers.

Many of these people live in remote areas where they have no protection and little option as to whether they help the terrorists or not.

Intelligence sources estimate that some of the gangs number several hundred well-trained guerrillas. But in the main they hunt in small parties, keeping the reign of terror going with occasional ambushes, murders and robberies.

The bulk of the Communists are believed to be under instructions to lay low until fresh orders arrive.

### Wartime Arms

They attempt to keep clear of the security forces while they regroup, train and indoctrinate new recruits with the Marxist-Leninist ideology.

Hope that the terrorists' ammunition will run out is not mere wishful thinking. Security officers are confident that no arms or ammunition is being smuggled to the Communist forces. They have to rely on the considerable supplies dropped to the Malayan People's Anti-Japanese Army during the war and those left behind by the Japanese themselves.

Police and troops have seized large dumps of guns and bullets and there is a general belief here that the guerrillas may be running short.

In recent jungle clashes, too, the security forces have noticed that many of the guerrillas were conserving their ammunition.

Surrounded terrorists—their trickle has become a little larger in the last few months—have told the authorities that fresh recruits under training get any amount of

rifle drill but are allowed to fire only one or two shots to "see how it feels."

### Jungle Presses

Recently, an arms dump containing 30 Japanese machine-guns in perfect condition was unearthed by a police and military party in Pahang. It is believed that the local terrorists had not been able to use the guns because they lacked ammunition.

There is, however, no indication that the Communists are running short of political powder. The authorities say that the flow of party propaganda material from the jungle printing presses has not decreased in spite of the fact that the security forces are keeping the gangs moving and pushing them into more remote regions.

Although there is no hard evidence that the Malayan Communist Party has any direct contact with the Chinese Communist Party, officials here admit that it is possible. They say that couriers could easily get across the Thailand border to meet Chinese Communist representatives in Bangkok.

A number of senior members of the Malayan Communist Party who are known to be in Peking have recently made broadcasts expressing sympathy with the "workers of Malaya."

### Some Japanese

The "Malayan People's Anti-British Army" is thought to be mostly comprised of China-born Chinese, with a sprinkling of Malaya Indians and fugitive Japanese but there is no evidence that any members of the Chinese Communist Party have yet come South to bolster the ranks in Malaya.

The Communist campaign in Malaya is believed to be run by an Executive Committee of the Malayan Communist Party; but there is strong evidence that one or two dominate the movement.

Few of the guerrillas fighting in the jungle know their leaders, according to surrendered bandits, but it is understood that the Malayan security forces' intelligence has a fairly good idea of their identity. —Reuter.

## Japanese Union Talks In Tokyo

Tokyo, November 26. The All-Japan Labour Unions Federation Council, which failed to send a delegation to the World Federation of Trade Unions Conference in Peking, has decided to hold a Japan meeting in Tokyo.

The meeting will be held on November 27 on the same lines as the WFTU conference of Asian and Australasian countries in Peking on November 16.

According to the Council spokesman, the meeting's agenda will be:

1. Materialisation of resolutions to be adopted at the Peking conference;
2. A peace treaty for Japan;
3. Asiatic trade, including Sino-Japanese commerce;
4. Struggle for year-end advance payments.

The spokesman said that invitations to attend the coming meeting will be issued not only to its member unions, but all labour unions, including those affiliated with the National Federation of Labour, as well as Chinese and Korean labour leaders resident in Japan. —Reuter.



## Pakistan's Case On Kashmir

London, November 25. Pakistan's Minister for Kashmir Affairs, the Nawab Mushtaq Ahmad Gurmani, will leave London on Monday, November 28, for Geneva, where the United Nations Kashmir Commission is in session.

Nawab Gurmani will present the Pakistani case when the Kashmir dispute comes up before the Security Council of the United Nations in New York.

He is anxious to inform himself on the progress made by the Commission in Geneva towards the completion of its report to the Security Council.

The Commission's report is expected to deal with conditions for a truce in Kashmir between India and Pakistan and the outstanding disagreements about its implementation.

It had originally been expected that the report would be ready by the middle of November. The latest information, however, is that the end of the first week in December is a more likely target date.

Subject to the findings of the Kashmir Commission Nawab Gurmani is expected to concentrate on his presentation of his country's case before the Security Council—what Pakistan considers the essentials of the Kashmir dispute in its relation to the United Nations, according to reliable sources here.

He will, it is predicted, stress above all the urgency of a solution in Kashmir, not only for

Pakistan and India, but for stabilising the situation politically and economically in the whole surrounding area.

### Urgent Matter

The situation in this area, observers here point out, has been affected by two major recent developments—the establishment of a Communist Government in China, with its repercussions on Kashmir's neighbour, the Chinese province of Sinkiang, and the announcement by Moscow of the appointment of a Soviet Ambassador to Pakistan.

In the light of these developments London and Washington will certainly agree with the view that a settlement of the dispute in Kashmir and the restoration of peaceful and prosperous conditions there has become a matter of increasing urgency.

Nawab Gurmani, it is believed, covered these aspects of the question fully during his talks in London, which included conversations with Mr. Ernest Bevin, the Foreign Secretary, and Mr. Clement Attlee, the Prime Minister. —Reuter.

## SERIOUS PROBLEM

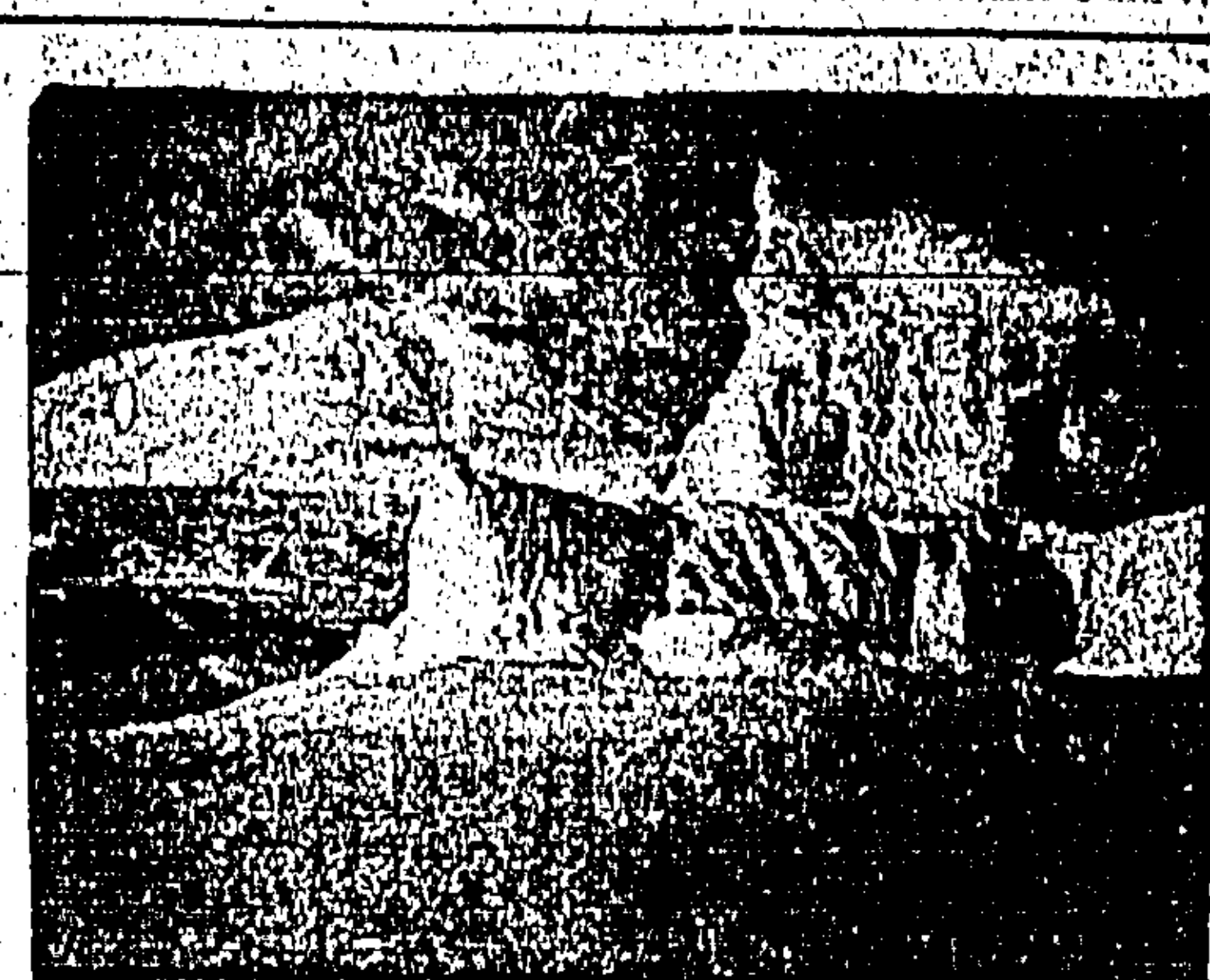
London, November 25. Among the danger points threatening the peace of the world Kashmir remains one of the most serious, the "Economist," British weekly, stated today.

Under the heading: "Mr. Nehru and Kashmir," the periodical declared that the attitude of the Indian Prime Minister in his statement to the press on his recent visit to London unfortunately gave little ground for hope of an early settlement.

There was no valid reason why a United Nations supervised plebiscite should not be held in Kashmir next spring at the latest, it wrote. "If India recognises the United Nations supervision as adequate, then it does not matter which areas are controlled by Indian-Kashmiri or Azad forces."

"On the other hand, India contends that United Nations supervision would be insufficient to prevent a rigging of the plebiscite by the de facto local authorities. Then the balance in such a situation would be plainly in favour of India, which controls the most populous areas, including the Vale of Kashmir."

"On neither assumption has India valid ground for refusing a plebiscite. If, nevertheless, India still insists that all Azad forces must be eliminated before there can be a plebiscite, then the possibility of using an international force for supervision of the plebiscite, as has been previously suggested in the "Economist," should be seriously considered." —Reuter.



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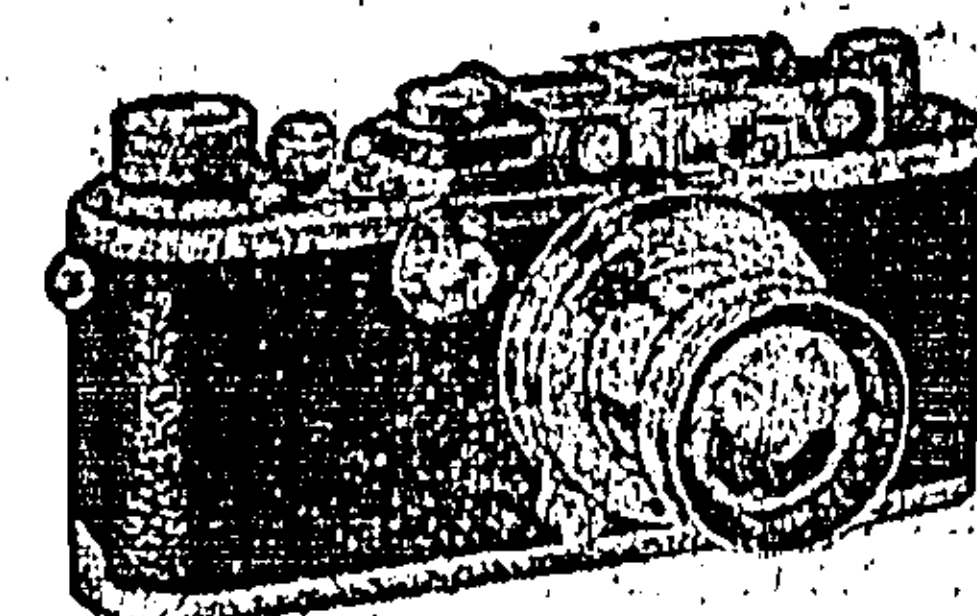
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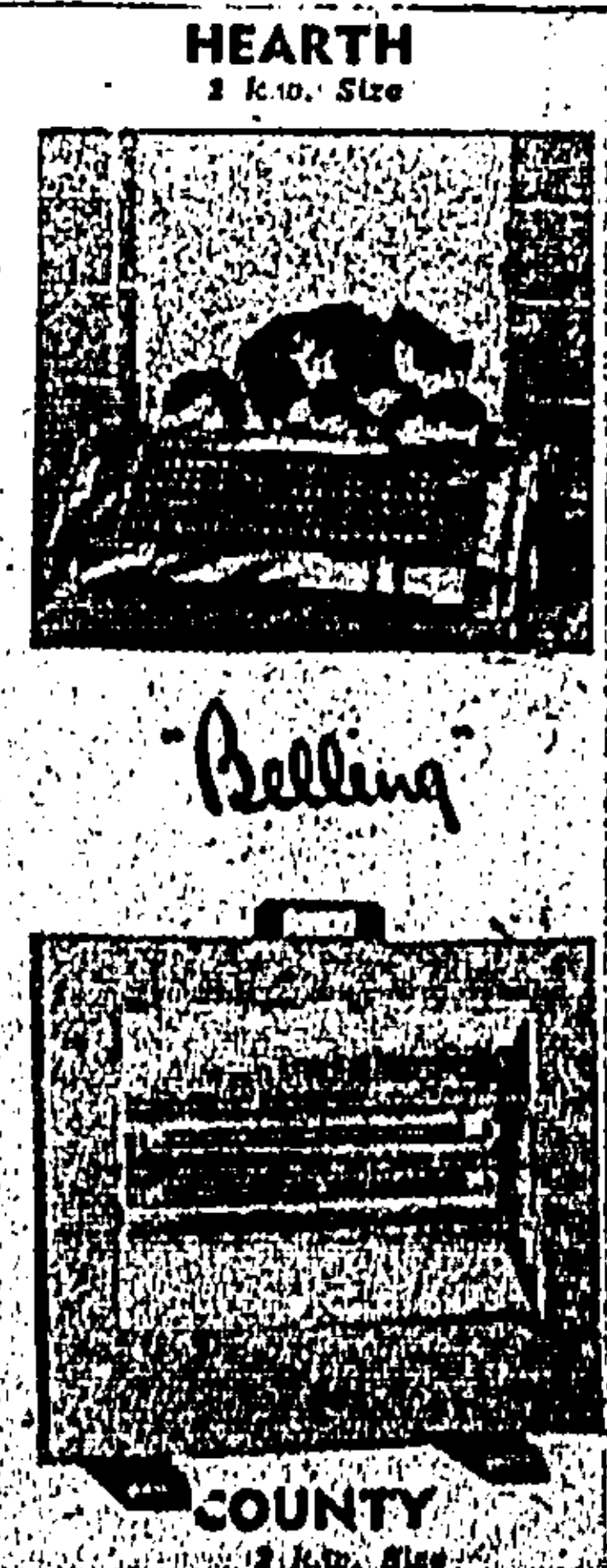
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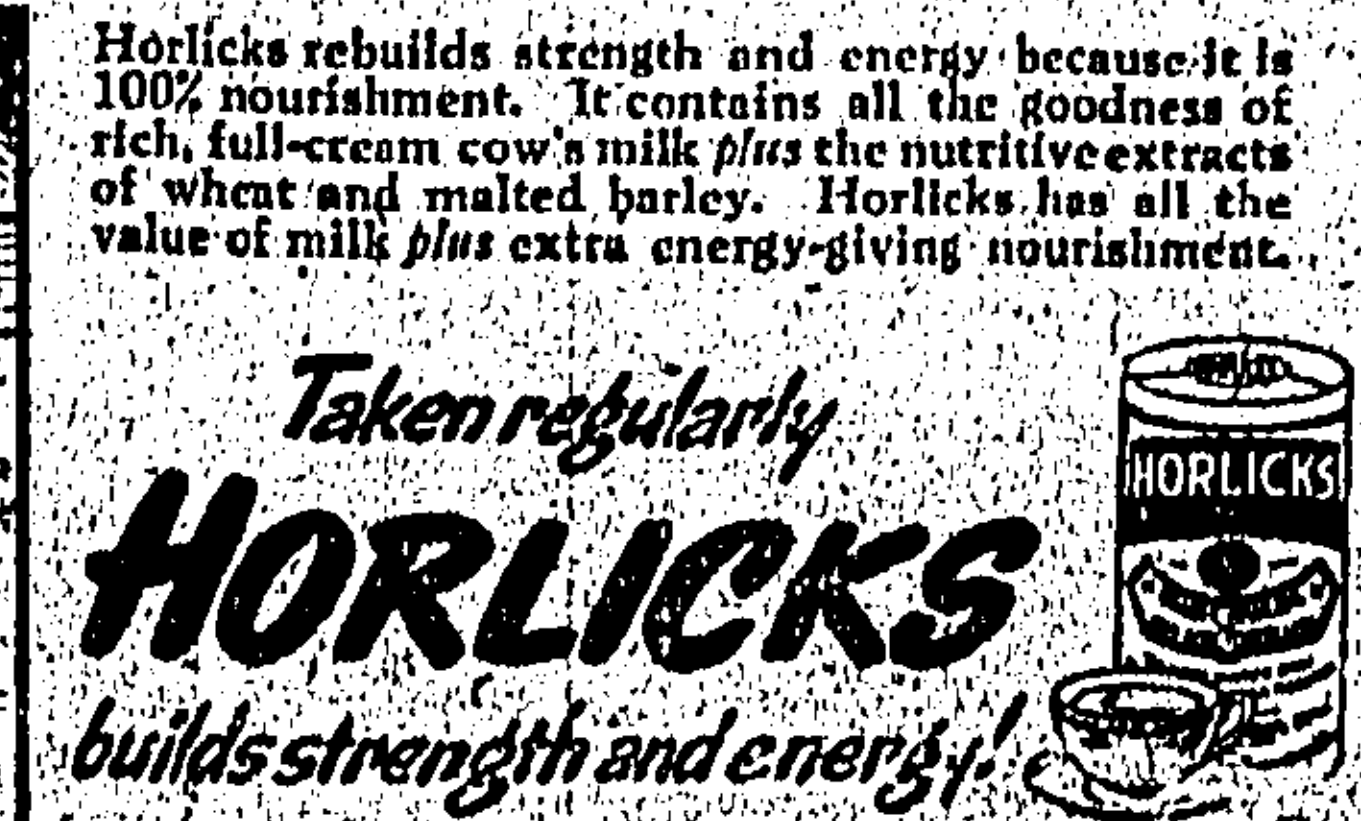
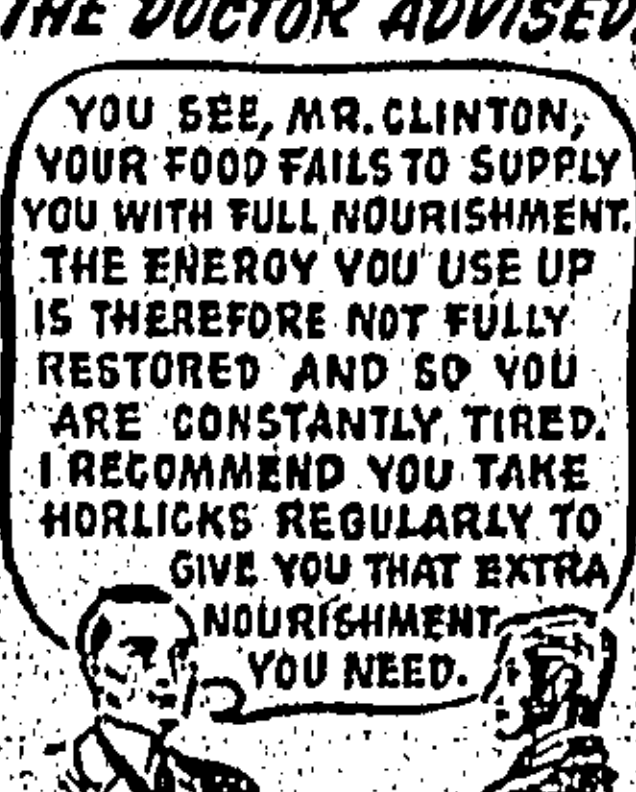
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Films Break Up  
Many Marriages,  
Expert Says

New York, November 25.

Hollywood is breaking up many marriages by making wives dissatisfied and giving husbands inferiority complexes, one psychologist contends.

Alfred E. Johns, who specializes in patching up broken homes, said the films are making his job twice as hard as they would if they presented domestic life realistically.

Birth Rate  
Dropping  
In Japan

Tokyo, November 26.

Population-conscious Japanese are watching the nation's birth and death rates closely these days.

Figures published today supplied by the Welfare Ministry showed further evidence that efforts are being made to reduce the birth rate.

During August the birth rate, as computed in terms of the annual rate, was 31.4 per 1,000. For August of last year, it was 31.7.

The marriage rate for August was 7.7, compared with 8.2 the divorce rate was 1.02 compared with 1.00 for August a year ago.

The Welfare Ministry also announced the number of cases of interrupted pregnancy for August, 8,941, about three times the total for the same month in 1948. National laws on abortion have been relaxed.

Because of the country's increased population through the rate dropped. The total number of births during August, 219,500, was greater than for the same month of the preceding year, 215,005. Deaths for the month were 77,981, as against 81,080.

This gives a lower death rate, 11.2, as against 11.9 for August of last year.—Associated Press.

"Husbands just don't make love the way the screen heroes do," Johns said.

"The movies make married life seem glamorous, and real-life wives are disappointed in what they find."

"Everybody's either rich in the films or gets rich. Wives start nagging their husbands if they don't get rich, too, as in the films."

Mr. Johns is director of the Modern Couple Institute, dedicated to following the theories of Emile Coue, the Frenchman who created quite a fad in the United States in the roaring '20s with his optimistic slogan, "Day by day, in every way, I am getting better and better."

But things are getting worse, instead of better, on the matrimonial front, Mr. Johns said.

He has found a direct relationship between the number of divorces and the number of films persons go to see.

The happiest married men, according to a survey, he said, are chemical engineers. They are homebodies who prefer unimaginative books to fabulous films.

Second on the list are ministers. Next, in order, come college professors, teachers and engineers.

Doctors are 11th on the list, bankers 12th and newspaper men 13th. At the bottom of the list are traveling salesmen and laborers. Mr. Johns said they see lots of films and so do their wives.

"Films and novels never give a realistic approach to marriage," he added. "They make life glamorous and glamour may be good for the eye, but it's very bad for the mind."—United Press.

Britain To  
Have Bases  
In CyrenaicaLondon, November 25.  
Britain will establish a military base in Cyrenaica early next year, Government sources today said. The base will be for British troops, presumably along the lines of the British base with Transjordan.

Negotiations are expected to begin almost immediately with the Government of Libya, which is expected to be established in January or February, United Press.

WORLD'S  
FOOD  
PROBLEM

Washington, November 26.

An Egyptian delegate today called on the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization to declare that a food shortage was imminent unless currency convertibility was restored.

Convertibility was the immediate line of attack in solving the world commodity problem, the delegate, Mr. El Emery, asserted. He told the FAO meeting: "Many countries today are selling their goods in exchange for a currency acceptable only to the country issuing them or at best to a group of countries who sometimes do not possess the essential commodities needed by the selling countries."

"This state of affairs is forcing some needy countries to spend extravagantly on luxury goods and go without the things which they need to sustain bodies and souls."

"We are glad to sign and wear silk stockings. This state of affairs must come to an end soon."

It was no wonder that underdeveloped countries' development programmes were being put off year after year when their accumulated balance of sterling and other currencies held abroad were either blocked or released in small amounts, the Egyptian delegate declared.

If the Big Powers were sincere about helping these countries, they could make available amounts of currency big enough to buy the goods they need. "We do not want to be dragged into the whirlpool of power politics," he said.

"We have to be alone to shape our own destinies."

The Minister added that there was much in Islamic ideology in common with that of the Western democracies but Muslims could also see valuable aspects of the Communist experiment.



THE WAY OUT

PAN-ISLAMIC TALKS  
START IN KARACHI

Karachi, November 25.

The first pan-Islamic conference opened tonight in Karachi, where delegates from nearly all over the Middle East countries will discuss the fostering of closer economic co-operation among the Muslim countries of the world.

Fourteen delegations are attending, including representatives from Indonesia and Malaya. Observers are present from non-Muslim countries.

The inaugural session of the 11-day conference was attended by the Pakistani Prime Minister, Liaquat Ali Khan.

The Pakistan Finance Minister, Ghulam Mohammed, urged Muslims to form a world group independent of the Communist bloc and the Western democracies, when he opened the conference.

He said, "We hope to form a group of nations that by mutual co-operation in the economic field are able to help themselves by helping each other."

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He continued, "In Africa, Asia, and elsewhere, the people are rising up and demanding independence. They are no longer willing to be ruled by foreign powers."

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The anti-religious bias of the entire Communist ideology was, moreover, at variance with Islamic ideology, the Minister said.

After the opening session, the conference started to break down into committees on special subjects to discuss ways and means of achieving the conference's principal objectives.

These include fostering and developing of closer business and industrial relations and development and exchange of commercial information between participating countries.

Although the conference is unofficial, it is receiving open and active support from the Government of Pakistan, United Press and Reuters.

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Islam Able To  
Solve World's  
Problems

Karachi, November 25.

The Pakistan Prime Minister, Liaquat Ali Khan, said here tonight that Muslim countries could achieve everything they wished by working in co-operation and according to plan.

Welcoming delegates to the first international Islamic Economic Conference, he said: "We have a long way to go before we can claim that we have banished poverty, hunger and ignorance from our midst."

He asserted that Islam alone could solve some of the problems facing the world today. "It contemplates a society based on equality, fraternity, enlightenment, freedom and social justice," he added.

MORE RAIDS  
IN ARGENTINE

Buenos Aires, November 25.

New raids today by a committee investigating anti-Argentine activities brought up to 12 the number of newspapers, news agencies and other institutions whose business records have been seized.

The committee, set up by Argentina's Congress, is investigating allegations that a former United States Ambassador and other well-known figures had been involved in anti-Argentine activities.

The committee's latest raid was on the offices of the Argentine newspaper "El Mundo," which closed down two years ago.—Reuters.

IRAN EXPELLING  
IRAQIS

Tehran, November 25.

A high Government source disclosed today that Iran is expelling hundreds of Iraqi subjects from the country in retaliation for measures taken against the Iranian subjects in Iraq.

Iraqis in Iran mainly are merchants and their expulsion might result in a serious trade dislocation between the two nations.—Associated Press.

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Only very lately did they learn that Russia has the know-how of the Atom Bomb. Ebbett, his 32 ship-mates, and two women recently reached England after the last ever grain-race from Australia, in the last of the windmills.

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This is what it was like in our world, and in time.

### June 10

In England. From across the Atlantic on this day arrived a slender, chestnut-haired girl carrying a knapsack. She went to the W. end of Whitehall but she was to make headlines and splash pictures because she carried her knapsack with a little team of deer. Almost no one today remembers her real name.

Everyone remembers "Georgina Gossie." A photographer's dream.

Aboard Pamir. Position approx. half way between New Zealand and Cape Horn. Weather clear but cold. Crew shivering down for long voyage.

For the look-out reports "Strange glint on starboard bow." Great excitement aboard. Two hours later, glint identified. Malesse looking.

It was the first solid mass, the Pamir had sighted since leaving South Australian water 13 days before.

The iceberg now broke the routine of ship-life. It formed the only topic of conversation. Arguments broke out. Hats made on its size and height were collected by the old man, 49-year-old Finnish Captain V. Blomfield.

He pronounced it about 120ft. high, 40ft. shorter than the Pamir's own mainmast. The great inanimate mass of ice and the great tall ship passed each other in the silence of the Southern Ocean.

### July 11

In England. A news-flash from the United States main space in every newspaper throughout the globe America claimed a new invention—a triumph of commercialised genetics. Poultry-farmers realised with a shock that nature's methods of breeding were now obsolete. A revolution had hit the farmyard.

There was born—the first Wingless Chicken. Aboard Pamir. Nearing Cape Horn. The Cape pigeons still have wings. Noisy wings. They flapped eagerly around Frank Gossie, 21-year-old New Zealander, as he threw scraps from his cook's galley into the Pamir's brief wake. The birds came from the Cape itself and from the small, treacherous islands that lie off its Southern tip.

It was cold and hazy. With a fair wind the Pamir rolled off the sea miles to the Horn. Night fell. Skipper and mates a little edgy. Look-out doubled. Then, three bells in the morning watch—1.30 a.m. ship's time. Suddenly the haze lifts. A break in the clouds—and there it was—the round yellow moon. Perfect visibility.

### July 19

In England. It was over at last. A man who loved Chopin and wrote verse, who was impeccably dressed and who charmed men and women with equal ease, smiled cynically in the dock.

Newspapermen of 50 countries who had written millions of words on England's greatest-ever murder trial, prepared the last chapter of their stories. The Acid-Bath Slayer, the self-confessed Human Vampire, the monster whose full crime-tally may never be known, stood for the last time in public.

On this day Mr. Justice Humphreys pronounced sentence of death on John George Haigh.

Aboard Pamir. The Old Man had never heard of Haigh. He was waiting for another killer—the ship-killer. The terrible Pampero, the hurricane-fiercely wind that sweeps without warning from the mountains and plains of Tierra del Fuego.

Now 52 days out, the Pamir was off the coast of South America, with a fair wind, heading for the Northwest trade. But in between Pamir and the lazy latitudes was the constant spectre of that fearful wind.

For the Old Man the hurricane was life's focus. For four days the mercury in the long tube remained steady.

Then the fifth day. The noon position showed the skipper that Pamir was emerging from the danger zone.

It was over at last.

### August 3

In England. The world of travel and news was shaken. A Pamir man, her humble five knots, up had been the news all Britain. In a later issue of the magazine, 500.

There was other news. A party of bearded Norwegians, wearing heavy headgear and costumes of 1500 years ago, arrived on the South East coast of England. The Vikings had arrived.

So had a husky schoolgirl named Shirley May France, with a strange return to get her across the Channel. She came in a hurricane of publicity and in a number of lightning storm of photographs.

But the eyes of every woman, this August 3, were on France. The Paris Collections opened. Leaving their fate from Dior and the rivals, women found that skirts were to be 13½ inches shorter than before. In a French summer, that produced the worst fashion fiasco in memory, that matched Britain's own phenomenal season, the Haute Couture spoke up. "The Line," they said, was to be strictly feminine. The "Line" was to emphasise slender hips and swelling busts.

September 25

In England. A picture sent over the radio-photo wires from the United States made front-page news. It showed a man peering from a queer cylinder called the Bathysphere which had descended deeper into the ocean than ever living man had gone before. In Western Germany a new Government was formed. A new Government was formed. A new Government was formed.

Aboard Pamir. It was nearing journey's end. The decks of cars which had amused the boys for more than 120 days were grubby now.

They were out of fresh meat as from the 95th day. The two pigs they killed hadn't brought the luck that superstition says clings to the killing of a pig aboard a sailing ship.

Nor had the superstition about sharks—kill it, cut tail off, nail it to the bowsprit. They tried it plenty of times with no luck.

But they had had fair winds and foul.

As Pamir neared the coast of England someone tuned in the radio. For the first time for more than 100 days he got a whisper of the news in English.

Truman had spoken. "Russians," he said, "have exploded an atom bomb."

They were back to civilisation.

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Aboard Pamir. The "Line"—for 25 of Pamir's mixed Australian, New Zealand, Canadian, English, Finnish, and Welsh crew—was nothing new. It lay as usual at Latitude 0 degs—the Equator.

Now, in short and sometimes shirts, in unfashionable slacks and coveralls, the men and women faced the heat. All voyage each man, each of the women, had been limited to the spartan ration of a half-gallon of water a day—for washing, bathing, laundry, shaving. Slatting around in the doldrums, the Pamir was rigged with awnings over her sun-blistered decks—as much to save precious water from the equatorial squalls as to save tender skins from fierce sunlight.

They reached the "Line," the Equator—the only "Line" they knew.

### August 18

In England. Two new young heroes were the toast of Britain. On the front pages of every national daily paper, on the lips of lords and ladies, came two familiar, but newly significant, names—the Smith Brothers. They were two boys from Yarmouth, IOW who, in a little boat built by themselves in Nova Scotia, had crossed the Atlantic in 43 days.

Aboard Pamir. For 72 days, save for one iceberg, a few pigeons and an albatross, the crew had had no contact with any solid or living thing. Then, close-hauled on the starboard tack, she sighted her first vessel.

The ship's company dashed up on deck. Out of the locker for the first time came the international code signal flags. Pamir made her name. Up went a hoist on the other ship—a liner. It was the Marco Polo, out of Genoa with a load of Italian immigrants for South America. Pamir asked to be reported to Lloyd's. The two ships sailed on.

So far Pamir had escaped the full savagery of the weather. But now, three months and three days out from Australia, the bottom fell out of the barometer. Quickly, it was a case of all hands to furl.

A battle that was to last two days began. Huge green seas swept over Pamir's decks, poured down her companionways. The captain's cabin went awash in a swirl of foam, his chintz settee riding like a miniature ship within a ship. Pamir was stripped to gaule-rig, with nothing to do but run before the fury of the storm.

Pamir beat the hurricane, and came through.

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"You must have the wrong apartment—I hope!"

## FORTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

By EARL WINTERTON, M.P.

To look back on the House of 1904, when I first took my seat there, and on the men of that time who were already famous or destined to become so, brings home the fascinating uncertainty of political life.

Mr. Balfour, then Prime Minister, possessed an intellectual brilliance unexcelled by any previous or later holder of his office. He was not always successful in a big set speech, nor was he a popular platform speaker, but he was the best debater in my 45 years' experience of the Commons. At an earlier stage of his career he had shown great courage and ability as Chief Secretary to the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland.

Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, the leader of the Liberal opposition, was a poor and blundering speaker, treated with derision by the Conservatives. His party was split from top to bottom, between those who had supported the South African War and those who had opposed it. Opinion generally was that, from an electoral point of view, this internal feud cancelled the Conservative internal struggle over Tariff Reform.

Mr. Campbell-Bannerman himself had caused great offence by saying that the war was carried on by "methods of barbarism."

In 1906 Conservative M.P.s used to say in private "The country will never chuck a nut." Balfour's ability and international reputation for a feeble creature like "C.B." Within a year of these smoking-room conversations the Conservative Party had sustained the greatest defeat in its history. Mr. Balfour had lost his seat, and Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman was installed at No. 10, Downing Street as a confident and popular Prime Minister with an enormous majority behind him.

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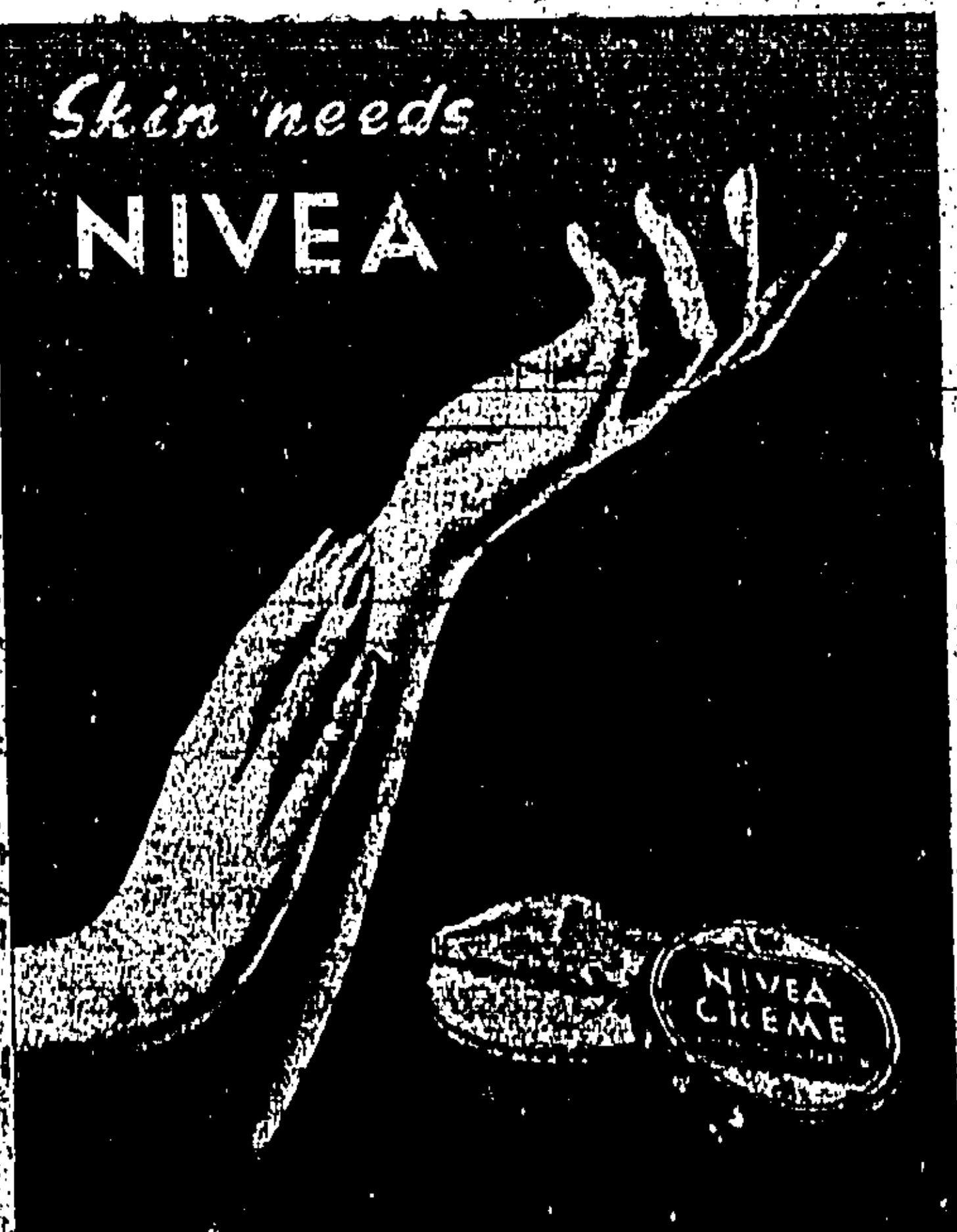
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### Method In Make-Up

## THE LIPS BEAUTIFUL

By **CLAUDIA**

Lips must be lovely . . . if we are to paint them in bright, glowing colours and make them the outstanding feature of the face. There have been "fashions" in all shapes and sizes of lips, from the rose-pud-pout and the "cupid's bow", to the wide, square grin of more recent years, but the solid fact still remains that the lips are the most difficult feature of all to alter successfully by make-up.

Don't think for a moment that I am not in favour of a little discrete remodelling where necessary. On the contrary, I'm all for it . . . provided you first stop and have a really good think on the all-important subject of exactly how far the remodelling process is to be allowed to go.

Drastic alteration of the shape of your lips is not to be considered even for a moment . . . with the best of intentions the effect is simply grotesque, even though it may take on for a moment as one of fashion's more unfortunate whimsies.

One very good and sufficient reason provides all the evidence against too drastic remodelling. That is the natural contour of the lips, which is there forever, no matter what you do. In the mirror, full face, the alteration may pass, but everyone else will catch the side glimpses which give away the double picture.

Even so, it is wonderful what a mere fraction of an inch added or taken away can do to improve the shape. But the improved outline must be kept within a fraction of an inch either way . . . no more.

Drawing the new outline calls for a firm hand backed by lots of practice and a good lip brush. Lips can be made thinner, fuller, shorter or longer . . . and look quite perfect unless the alterations are overdone.

A lip brush or a lip pencil is indispensable in drawing a clear outline. If the size of the lips is to be reduced, remember to

cover the natural lip line first, with foundation and powder. Now draw the new outline carefully, just inside the natural line. When the lips are too thin, the reverse applies . . . the outline must be drawn a fraction outside the natural line, then filled in with lipstick and carefully blended. These are the two most usual alterations, and quite easy ones to do.

Sometimes only one lip needs alteration . . . as in the case of the full, pouting lower lip. Here, it is a good idea to make up the upper lip, then press the lips together leaving an impression on the lower one which shows you how much narrowing is needed . . . if the difference is more than one tenth of an inch, don't be tempted . . . stick to the rules and, though they will still look different, they won't look so different as before.

Lips which are both long and thin are more difficult to deal with. They must be made to appear fuller and at the same time shorter. The outline of the upper lip, starting from the centre, must curve outside the natural contour, then narrow to meet the natural line just short of the corner of the mouth.

The lower outline can be made in one sweep, from just within the corner of the mouth, then below the contour line to the centre, and up again.

The small, pouting rosebud mouth is another problem, this time of thinning and widening. Here the upper outline must be drawn from the centre just inside the natural line and finish right in the corner of the mouth the thickest fraction outside.

## U.S. As A Woman Sees It

By **KAY MURRAY**

Until about a year ago if you bought a fur coat, or even a cloth coat trimmed with fur, in the U.S., a federal tax of 20 per cent automatically went on the purchase price.

Then somebody thought up a law that had as many loopholes in it as a sieve.

It said that in those cases where the other materials of the coat were worth at least as much as a third of the fur value, there would be no tax.

This led to some quick thinking in New York's garment dis-

tributors, and cheap rabbit skin coats began to flood the market, lined with satin so heavy and costly it was worth more than the fur itself. Handmade linings, even, began to find their way into fur garments, were selling were selling (pre-devaluation) £25—free of tax, of course.

This raised a furor among the master furriers, who were losing business, and Washington had to think again.

Now the honeymoon's over. The "Commission" of Internal Revenue has ruled that all fur coats, even if lined with gold tissue, are subject to tax.

Nylon material, slowly beginning to find its way into British women's wardrobes, has branched out in all sorts of directions in the States.

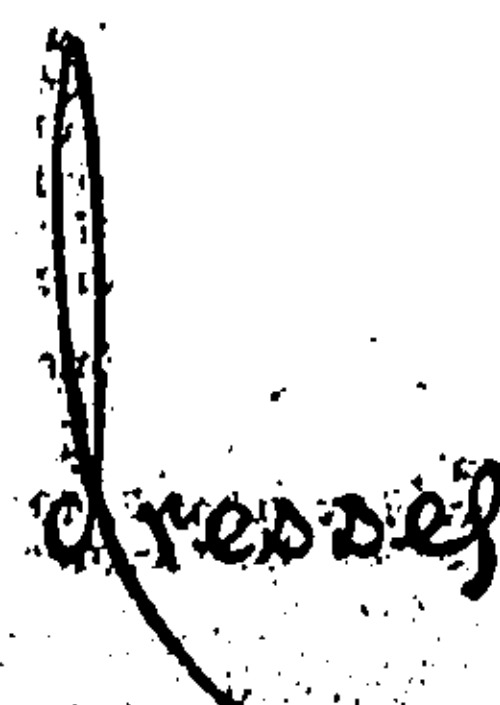
This versatile fibre, made of coal, air and water, can now simulate many other materials, while still retaining all the properties which have endeared it to all women.

Shown in New York recently were nylon lace, rainproof shantung and a sheer metallic net which is guaranteed non-irritating.

One of the things which gave the appearance of being the real thing also retained the prime virtue of nylon—its washability and immunity from wrinkling.

Other unusual materials which have put in an appearance lately have been a cotton tweed that looks like wool burlap in creamy white, which repays the compliment and resembles a fine cotton.

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This felt lattice work bonnet has its own distinctive umbrella to save it from the vagaries of English weather. It was shown by Richard Burdette in London recently—AP Photo.

## Ann Temple

### The Popular Girl

Why is it that a girl who is popular with boys and considered "the good sort" never seems to attract men?

She can be well dressed, well groomed, and all the rest of it, but it makes no difference. Men like her, but don't fall in love with her—**PHOBIA**.

"Never" is an exaggeration. She is of the type for whom there is definitely the right man, and if she has the luck to meet him she is very deeply loved. But he is not in the class of the average man.

The average man is not eclectic in his taste. He runs with the pack—goes for the obvious.

He gravitates to the type of girl who is herself confident with men. He derives his confidence from her, is more comfortable being managed, though he does not know he is being managed.

The selective man has an intelligent confidence in his own judgment and choice. He is not rushed by other men's criteria.

A word to the wise. There's one mistake the "nice" girl nearly always makes. She is apt to leave surprise out of her equipment.

She should make a volte-face now and again in style and appearance, and look for ways of using the variations of her personality. She is as a rule spring-what given to camouflage and even suppression.

I have a weakness which amazes me, and although I have often grumbled my teeth and said "No" I always slip back into it.

I daydream of a certain out-dance Astaire, out-sing Crosby, out-box Louis. All for the starry-eyed admiration of my dream girl.

I have a good job, and I find my workmates good company. True, I haven't any real friends. Can that be the cause of it, or is it mere egotism? I want to turn my life from a perpetual day-dream into something with more real life enjoyment.

Hallo, Walter. Hello, Mummy. Two! Not really so amazing, your secret life. Most people like to slip away from stern reality into the blazat "unreality" where everything goes as they want it to go.

Since you overdo it, getting your teeth and going "No" shows you have the requisite ordinary common sense. But you have to do more.

Perpetual day-dreaming points to your being discouraged through an inability to cope with difficult

ties or an environment—probably when you were too young, too helpless to cope. You have carried the helplessness with you into adult life.

So the remedy is obvious, isn't it? Leisure-hour friendships and leisure-hour occupation of a sort that absorbs you. My tip is to go for the interest first and find your friends through them.

I am engaged to a charming girl who has the qualities I admire—sweet disposition, grace, good housewife type, an affectionate manner—but she is an appalling liar.

They are really whoppers. She says she has been married before (I know she hasn't). She talks of her flat and her car (but I'm pretty sure it's only a "bird-attire" and I have never seen the car).

All that sort of thing. I love her but I am a bit afraid of marriage with her. I'm the polite type and don't like to prove her wrong—though I could cover and over again—**DOUBTER**.

Polite? Honestly you have been plumb plumb. How can you believe anything—even the sweetest disposition, the grace and affectionate manner, the good housewife? It may all vanish into thin air.

You have "politely" let her get away with the whole novelette. If you were not engaged to her I would say "keep out." As things are, here is another for it but an immediate show-down. Confront her with all the whoppers—and see what happens.

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# Rules And Strokes In The Goalie Punches Clear Billiards, Snooker

(By "PYRAMID")

This is the first of a series of weekly articles on Billiards and Snooker.

Apart from dealing with items of local interest, the articles will contain comments on play and players in the United Kingdom, explanations of rules which are often the subject of argument and also strokes of the game, including hints for both Billiards and Snooker novices.

Prior to the Pacific War, the Hong Kong Billiards Association which is no longer in existence, organised both League and Championship events throughout the Colony and great enthusiasm was shown.

This Association was the governing body of Billiards and Snooker until the last few months, very little was organised in the way of Leagues or Knock-out Competitions. At present, the Hong Kong Billiards Association is running a Snooker League for Clubs and Messes and its progress appears to be most satisfactory.

I also learn that the Chinese Clubs are still playing off the Knock-out Competitions which was inaugurated at the end of 1941. However, I hope that with the help and co-operation of the Colony's many enthusiasts, the Hong Kong Billiards Association will soon be re-constituted.

## Pro Championships

This week, we find ourselves breaking through the middle of the World's Professional Snooker Championships and eagerly awaiting the final result. From what I have heard of Kingsley Kennerley, he seems to be most determined to win the Qualifying Section and "have a go" at Walter Donaldson.

The draw for the Championship is: Fred Davis v Alec Brown, George Chenier v Peter Mann, Walter Donaldson v Section "B" Winner, Albert Brown v John Pulman. This final is due to be played at Blackpool between March 1 and March 18, 1950 and the semi-finals at Newcastle and Oldham probably in early February.

## The Rules

As most keen snooker players undoubtedly know, the rules can be interpreted in many different ways. It is, therefore, part of the work of a referee to interpret them in the correct way.

I would have to tell more than my fingers if I counted the number of different positions I have seen pool-balls replaced, when all the spots are occupied. To quote a few: Touching the top cushion, the centre of the bottom cushion, within a two or six inch radius of the centre spot, and many more.

On enquiring, out of interest, where the information was obtained, I nearly always receive the answer: "Oh, I don't know. I always thought it was placed there."

So you can see that merely because of one player not even reading the rules, the false information is passed on and hundreds go wrong.

It states clearly in rule 8, Rules of Snooker, in a manner unlikely to create doubt, that "if all the spots are occupied, the ball shall be placed as near its own spot as possible, between that spot and the NEAREST part of the top cushion, without touching another ball."

## Strokes Of Game

In endeavouring to give a few hints to the "ordinary" snooker player, I use the word "novice" in a general sense, as there are many players who are considered quite good according to the average standard of their respective clubs, who are in reality, novices.

where the finer points of the game are concerned. (2) With a good proportion of these players, some of whom may have been playing for years, positional play never seems to enter into the scheme of things.

To put a red and get on an colour is the limitation of their ambition. Sometimes, more by luck than by judgment, they will pot several reds and colour. They have improved.

This type of player must understand that although potting ability is essential, there is also something called "method" which is equally important.

## Important Point

The important point in Snooker is not only getting on a pool-ball after potting a red, but getting on it at the right angle.

The ordinary player is content enough if he can get directly behind a colour, obviously thinking that this is a hundred per cent positional play. But this is where he is wrong, for although it may be considered as the best position for potting that ball, the ordinary player will end up with three things with the cue-ball.

(1) He can run straight through; (2) stop the cue-ball dead; (3) screw straight back.

A professional, in addition to these three things, can use powerful side and screw and come back to rebound off a cushion at a suitable angle for the next red, a stroke too far advanced for the ordinary player.

Therefore, unless it is obviously the correct stroke to get straight behind the pool-ball, get on it at an angle, at the correct side of the object ball and you will be surprised at the improvement you will be able to make in your positional play.

(Next week: Strokes of the Game)

## Boys' And Girls' Association Sports Meeting

The Boys' and Girls' Clubs Association held a successful Inter-Club Sports Meeting at the Queen's College Football ground yesterday.

Clubs from the Mainland and the Island competed and were divided into two sections—Boys and Girls.

Eight clubs competed in the Girls' section which was won by the WYOA with 145 points. Kowloon No. 1 was runner-up with 55 points and Holy Spirit with 40 points.

Altogether there were 18 Boys' clubs competing and the championship of the section went to Wah Yan with 145 points. Jesuit Rd. Seniors were second with 106 points and Stanley Boys' Camp occupied third position with 81 points.

Prizes were distributed to the winners by Mrs. V. C. McDonald. She herself was the recipient of a bouquet of red lilies from one of the girl participants.

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A tense moment in the Hong Kong goalmouth during yesterday's soccer match between a Hong Kong XI and the Helsingborg Swedish soccer team, with Tennu, the Hong Kong pivot, (tagging camera), anxiously looking on. The Swedish team won by two goals to one. ("China Mail" Photo).

## Position Of HKDF Remains Unchanged

(Continued from page 3)

"Some people seem to think that with the arrival of large reinforcements for the regular Garrison, volunteer assistance is not required. This is not so. In fact the position is quite the reverse, the regulars are equipped and organized for specific military tasks in the defence of the Colony, should active defence be necessary.

"To dissipate the forces from these tasks would defeat the whole object of sending them here. In the end this Colony will remain safe and be ready to meet any emergency, only provided that all of us, civilians and regular servicemen alike, show that we are prepared to play our part in guaranteeing the security of Hong Kong."

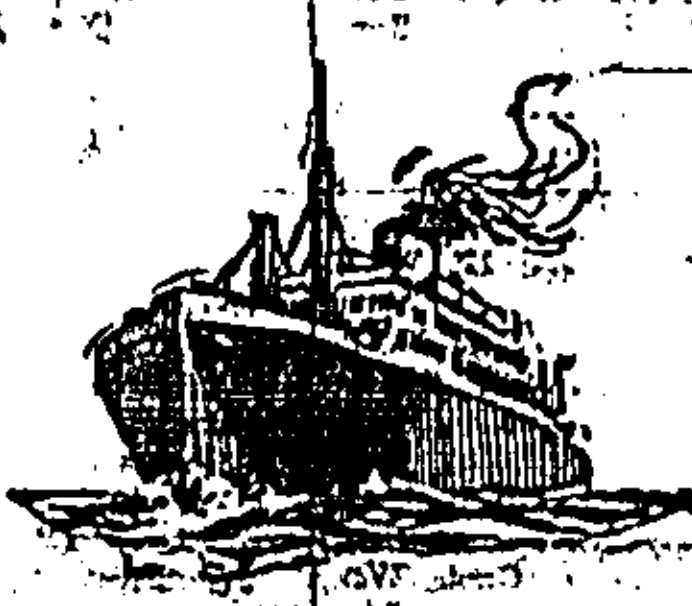
"In conclusion I would like to say that as far as the Naval Force is concerned, HMS, Lyman-

der a Fleet Minelayer, of just over 1,000 tons, fully equipped, has arrived in Hong Kong and is at present undergoing a final refit by the Commanders Hong Kong before being handed over to the Naval Force. This will enable basic training in the most up to date Naval practice to be given.

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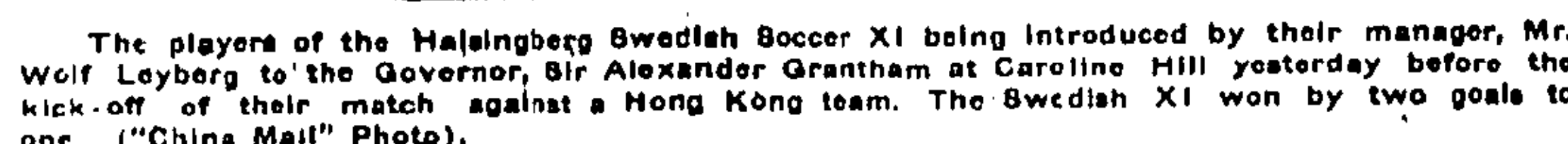


## Swedish Players Meet Governor

### Tonnuci Brilliant

Tennuci, the Hong Kong pivot, was always in the limelight and together with Santos, was the

However, on their third try he was beaten by A. Jonsson who raced down the centre and been cut out to the right, where



equaliser, both shots missing the mark.

Chu Wing-keung sent, in a shot from a difficult angle which did

V.H. Chittenden	24	G. Ryder	11
J. Tindall		D. Phillips	
A. Hutton		W. McMaster	
J. Crighton		Dr. Atienza	

Neither side was able to score in the initial canto although both threatened.

In the second semester, Spartans unleashed a four-hit barrage and produced four markers to jump into a big lead, while at the same time blanking the Braves in their half.

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Just before the interval, Sweden came near to adding a further goal when A. Jonsson missed an easy goal from close quarters. From the re-start, Hong Kong went into the attack and Cheung

son, Karlsson and N. Jönsson  
Hohg Kong, Yu Yiu-fah,  
Yung-sang, Tse Kam-hung;  
Chung-sang, Yu Cheuk-yn  
placed. Lau after 35 miles  
Tennuci, Santos, Ho Ying  
Cheung, Kam-hoi, Tang Yee

Dutch Harrison and Dick Metz (for first place, in the 30 holes, n leads with 213 for 54 holes. Von Nida turned in a neat to tie with Dick Metz for second at 217. Tied for third are J. Du Harrison and the Philadelphians.

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K. H. Ip and Edwin Teal had a harder time in entering the final and only won through after dropping the second set to Anton

In the second inning, play was held up for some time as June Lee fouled a pitch which struck Neelie Simmons on the nose and caused profuse bleeding. Neelie stayed out of the game for a

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